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THE THEATRICAL YEAR SURVEYED.

A Review of Last Season's Things in Europe and America.

The record of the theatrical year in New York, London and Paris presents an interesting study, at this moment when we are entering upon a new season, although it is not easy to deduce from it much that would be of value as a basis for future operations.

It would seem that the theatre in all these capitals—each with its distinct atmosphere and its individuality of public—is undergoing some transition, the outcome of which is not easy to determine.

Of course, a theatre of any nation seeks but to reflect the taste, changeable though this may be, of its public, and to cater to what is demanded. And what one public delights in another may not like, even though both may speak the same language.

In view of this fact, one showing of the season in all the capitals named stands out prominently: New York, London and Paris have alike shown uncertainty of taste and fickleness of patronage.

Certainly commercial conditions cannot account for this. There must be an universally existent desire for something different from the order of things that has prevailed; although it is possible that in the efforts made by managers under sharp competition everywhere of late years to furnish novelty, the offerings have been so various and so bewildering that for the time public appetite has grown fickle—if not fastidious—and mimes without steady relish upon the fare offered, as inclination and circumstances may determine.

In Paris several theatres were prematurely closed, and the season has been the worst, perhaps, experienced in years, with poor results as to new plays as well as with receipts. No doubt mediocrity in offerings has resulted in the poor pecuniary showing.

Yet even in Paris, always fickle to a degree, greater inconstancy than usual has been shown by the public, while to meet this, efforts toward novelty that none but a Parisian could appreciate—or even patronize—have been made.

From the production of a Greek legend, ancient in motive yet with *fin de siècle* costume, to the extravagances of vaudeville made more extravagant, and the unmentionable exposures, mental and physical, of the Theatre Libre made still more "realistic," the Parisian season shows strenuous managerial effort for novelty made ineffectual by an apathetic public.

The London season has been generally disastrous, although amid the wrecks are found striking successes of meritorious offerings. It would seem from a glance at the London season that those managers that were prepared to give value for value have prospered, while the merely speculative manager, always ignorant and weak in judgment himself, depending upon chance and seeking to get something for nothing—has suffered as he deserved to suffer.

Some of the London theatrical papers have from time to time sounded a warning that there are too many theatres in that city to warrant projects for new ones. But it is with theaters as it is with plays and actors to a certain extent. The best will flourish, be they new or old, and the worst must go to the wall. The law of survival applies to the fittest here as elsewhere.

The London season—in this respect something like the New York season—has shown a marvelous increase in patronage of the piecemeal performance variously entitled "music hall," "variety," and "vaudeville," presumably at the expense of the regular house of amusement. This may be immediately due to the freedom of conduct that marks the auditory part of these places—in some of which it goes from the borderland of liberty to the verge of license—or it may be that a public weary of so many poor plays likes to take enjoyment in small doses and in various places during one evening, as is possible of the music hall and the garden on the roof.

But returning to London, we find that while plays without merit have steadily failed there the past season, the successes have been notable. Henry Irving's Henry VIII. had not lost its hold when he preceded his production of King Lear with a revival of several of his former successes, and when King Lear had exhausted the interest of the students that applauded it, Becket met instant recognition and won large patronage.

There was a steady failure of comic opera ventures in London—in favor of the music-halls, no doubt—but The Prodigal Daughter—which is an excellent melodrama despite the antagonism of those that prefer a higher class of play—found profitable support at Drury Lane, just as it has won popularity here at the American, because it was well illustrated. And Hypatia, an earnest effort in the better line of "production," ran more than a hundred nights to profit, while comedies with comedy in them and with comedians in their leading parts won steadily, as witness Walker, London, and Charley's Aunt.

Later, Pinero's great play—written perhaps to enforce an arbitrary idea as to whether a woman once fallen must always remain in the mire, but nevertheless the dramatic sensation of the season—opened to large patronage, and still goes on. Lady Windermere's Fan—a superficial and artificial product of Wilde—won success also in London although it practically failed here, for reasons not hard to determine, while an offset to this and an evidence of the difference in taste between New York and London is furnished by the practical failure there of Men and Women and The Lost Paradise.

It is safe to say that good plays—plays dealing with normal life rather than with abnormalities induced by peculiar environment—although in their special atmospheres the abnormalities will thrive, as witness the efforts of Wilde—are still popular not only in this country but in London. This is shown by the large number of revivals of excellent plays both here and there. And from this

there is a temptation to insist that there is a maintenance of an integrity of taste despite the efforts of the baser managers to vitiate public conception of the theatre.

The nobler modern drama, as well as the classic and the romantic are still potent. Yet it is evident that there is a tendency toward the new school of the "real"—meaning not the reality of horses, and engines, and buzz saws, and pile drivers, and the like, but the actions of humanity as developed from sinister studies of psychology and the more abhorrent results discovered in our system of social life. All efforts of this kind that are distinctively reformatory, will no doubt be encouraged, if they incidentally entertain. But there are motives and acts in humanity that are so more fitted for public show in the theatre—if what is called "civilization" shall continue—then they are for public practice by the individual under every-day conditions. The noble purposes of men like Tolstoi and Ibsen, whose plays can be read more profitably than they can be represented because of the inaptitude of such writers for the technical movement necessary to give force to a drama when played, have excused the uprising of a swarm of human insects whose work is puerile and petty where it is not intentionally nasty, and for these insignificant scribbles mediums have been furnished by the Theatre Libre in Paris, and by the Independent Theatre in London.

An immature and unfortunate effort on lines somewhat similar—sought to be excused by a lugging in as patrons of well-dressed and supposedly cultured persons who looked upon the venture as one that offered a fashionable pastime—offered an element of interest last season in New York. It was altogether an amusing institution in directions not intended to be amusing. It tried to prove that a few literary persons, so called, whose published efforts are decidedly innocuous, could write plays; and in deference to the freedom of treatment and subject that characterizes the independent theatres abroad, the contributors to the Theatre of Arts and Letters were given permission to gently shock their patrons. The shocks were gentle, indeed—the naughtiness and wickedness being of the kind that induce the use of parental rod and slipper upon refractory childhood—and it is needless to say that they were forgiven. There was, on the whole, an odor of the managerial waste-basket about all the efforts save one or two that in printed form had already been known. As an opportunity for the well-conducted persons who patronized the enterprise to see and to be seen and to talk and to be talked to under "theatrical" conditions, some measure of success was realized, but even the novelty of this was exhausted. Mainly the thing was a dire—and an expensive—failure. It gave, however, to several ambitious persons a chance to pose in theatres as managers, sub-managers, and assistants to the subordinates down to a degree of honorary subordination, the mere classifying of which revealed the only genius displayed in the project.

It may be said, however, that this enterprise in its impractical way—as the independent theatres abroad have in their more consistent manner—gave some fruition to the spirit of earnestness and the desire for something different that seems to animate a part of the public of the theatre. The productions abroad illustrate that the realists—to describe them without particularity as to shade of name—are a growing element. But it is not necessary to go outside of the theatre in order to recognize and respond to this call. In right hands, the plays of Dumas *fil.*, of which we have seen so much in indifferent hands during the past season—and of which we have seen purposes perfectly fulfilled by a Duse—are in line with the reformatory spirit, and at the same time they are dramatic masterpieces. In England the new movement is from within, as Pinero proves, and as other recognized stage writers will no doubt show. And thus from the season's record one thing may be asserted—that if there is to be an ingrafting of reality upon the stage, those born to the stage will do the work.

The dramatic year in this country—centralized in this city—shows an unusual increase in the number of native plays produced, with quite as large a percentage of successes as in other years, when it was thought to be necessary to go abroad for material. There were 135 first performances of plays and operas in New York and twenty-one in Brooklyn during the season, the great majority of which were of American authorship either wholly or in adaptation, and a fair proportion of which were successful. There were fewer of the cheap and vulgar entertainments than are usually put forth, and there were a number of plays produced that would be a credit to any country. There were revivals of standard plays so successful as to prove that good old-fashioned work is still rewarded generously. There were, as usual, many speculative ventures that came to grief, for apparent reasons.

American comic opera certainly advanced in public estimation, and it may be said that the work of native writers and composers in this direction now stands proudly in the front rank.

Most of the older stars have added valuable new material to their repertoires, and a few new stars have become fixed in popular orbits. We have enjoyed the revelation of a great genius in Eleonora Duse, and look forward to her return as one of the promised satisfactions of the coming year. Two notably handsome theatres have been added to the list—the Manhattan and the Empire—another is nearing completion, Abbey's, and the Metropolitan Opera House is restoring, thus promising for next season that fashionable amusement that was so meagrely furnished last season—opera.

There are hard times, and rumors of harder times, but the plans for next season are perfecting on the usual lines, and it is safe to say that managers who manage wisely will continue to make money.

PROFESSIONAL DOINGS.

Frank B. Clayton has joined The Burglar company.

John W. Hamilton will be the manager of Alabama.

Minnie Radcliffe has been re-engaged by Sol Smith Russell as leading lady.

The tour of True Irish Hearts will open at Lynn, Mass., on Sept. 4.

John E. Sheridan has signed with the Turkish Bath company.

George K. Edson, last season with Niobe, has signed with Fanny Rice.

F. M. De Vere will play in Darkest Russia.

Ed. Mack and Edward Hume are engaged for Harrigan's company.

Sam Sothorn will be in the company of his brother, E. H. Sothorn, when the play Sheridan is produced.

Isabel Urquhart is at the Marlborough, Cora Timme, Olga Brandon and Florence Levy are at the Vendome, and Lole Fuller is at the Waldorf.

Louise Holman, daughter of Head Usher Holman, of the Broadway Theatre, did a fancy dance at the Newport Casino recently.

Rachel Booth will appear in support of James T. Powers in Walker, London. Mary Tyrell and Walter Thomas are also engaged.

John Jack, the veteran actor, who has been in California for ten years, arrived in town recently.

Jane Stetson, late of Frank Daniels' and the Trip to Chinatown companies, has signed with Russell's Comedians.

Katie Mayhew will start for London shortly to join her husband, Professor Weidman, leader of the orchestra at Daly's Theatre.

Theodore De Vere, Alex. Johnston and Will H. Clarke are recent engagements for Darkest Russia. Manager Ellis announces that the company of twenty people is now complete.

A Cracker Jack, a new play by Herbert Hall Winslow, is being rehearsed by Harry Traver at Detroit.

Mrs. Ettie Henderson, manager of the Academy of Music, Jersey City, gave a progressive euchre party at the Norwood Park Casino recently.

John A. Lane will be a member of Alexander Salvini's company.

Rose Newham will play the title role in Fantasma.

G. Herbert Leonard has returned from England.

Georgie Busby will support Marie Wainwright.

M. B. Snyder is engaged to succeed Charles Stanley in A Texas Steer when Mr. Stanley joins A Milk White Flag.

The Senator company began to rehearse last week in Boston.

Max Figman has been rehearsing in support of Johnstone Bennett in Fanny. His part in that piece is unimportant. Mr. Figman will originate the principal comedy part in The Algerians.

Augustus Thomas has returned from Chicago. He is thoroughly satisfied with Nat C. Goodwin's production of In Mizoura, and says it will be staged at the Fifth Avenue Theatre next month.

E. N. Black, manager of A Tony the Trumpeter, warns song-writers that they must desist from sending "latest songs" to his star, and says that unless they take note of this some of them may soon be writing anthems for the angels.

Sam T. Jack has engaged Ridge Waller to act as press agent of his Eighth Avenue Theatre, Philadelphia. Mr. Waller has held a similar position with the Lyceum Theatre, Washington, for seven years, and has been connected with several newspapers, among them The Hot Spot, with which he will be retained as dramatic editor.

Gerald Coventry, the well-known stage manager, who has staged Lillian Russell and Henry E. Dixey's operas, has been engaged to produce The Algerians.

Rosina Vokes is due here on Sept. 3 on the Paris.

Edith Kenward has recovered from a severe illness in Canada, where she has been visiting her sister. She will arrive in town soon.

Lilla Vane has returned from Paris.

H. D. Blackmore has been cast to sing the role of Ono in Venus. Last season he was a member of the Surrender company. His appearance in Venus will be his debut in comic opera.

J. Charles Davis has signed to remain throughout the season with Proctor and Turner as press representative at their New York theatre.

Mr. Hart has written a ballad for J. Aldrich Libbey that promises to be a great success.

Laura Booth, formerly a member of Pitou's stock company, and leading woman with Daniel Frohman's Prince and Pauper company, has been specially engaged to appear at the Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, in the production of Blue Grass, playing the adventures. This season Miss Booth will be featured in a Modern Heroine.

Urbic B. Collins and Frederick Vroom have been added to Walker Whiteside's company.

W. F. Dickson, manager of Thomas W. Keene, returned to New York from Canada on Friday.

Marie Burress has been engaged by L. R. Stockwell for his stock company at San Francisco. She started last week and will open on Monday in Ve Eerie Tronbie.

Nellie Braggins, who was engaged several months ago by E. E. Rice to appear in 1902, arrived in this city from St. Louis recently. When she saw the sketch of the costume she was to wear, she resigned her engagement.

Logan Paul will go with The Land of the Midnight Sun.

J. R. Smith left on Saturday for Jackson, Mich., to join Uncle Sam, M. P.

Bates Brothers' Humpty Dumpty company, of which James R. Adams is the clown, opened season at Mount Vernon, N. Y., on Aug. 5, and have since played to good business. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Adams (Becky Taylor) visited the opening performance from South Norwalk, Conn., and presented Mrs. Adams with an elaborate floral token.

It is said that Mark Smith will be at the head of a company next season in a new musical comedy by Stanislaus Stange, called John Alden.

Oliver Berkeley has been specially engaged to play Rose in The Masked Ball.

Rehearsals of Darkest Russia will begin to-day. The season will open early in September.

William Garen, manager of Walter Sanford's The Struggle of Life, writes Tom Mason that his season opened in Montreal on Aug. 7 to a crowded house, hundreds being turned away, and that both play and company scored a big hit. The new scenery for this play is said to have cost Mr. Sanford \$15,000. Two sixty-foot cars are required for its transportation.

I. S. Pitts, agent for Al. G. Field's Columbian Minstrels, writes that he was not in the wreck on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, near Danville, on Aug. 10, as was reported, and that he was in Norfolk at the time.

Louis Haines, who won note as a boy actor in productions by Charles Frohman, and Frank W. Sanger, has been engaged by Roland Reed to play Wilbur in Innocent as a Lamb in Boston.

W. H. Fullwood, of the Pittsburg Bijou, has been engaged to go in advance of The Country Squire.

M. B. Leavitt's Spider and Fly companies (Eastern and Western) will be entirely new productions this year. The costumes have been made by Alias, of London, and the scenery is by Reid and Schaefer.

Misses Williams and Barton will do an entirely new electrical dance in The Streets of New York. Elmer Jones has been engaged to play Mark Livingstone in this play. The scenery and printing will be entirely new.

The Bloomington, Ill., Eye looks with great favor upon Her Little Sister, a new play written by Hal Reid for Edna May Spooner, and produced by the Spooner company in that city recently. The play has a fine scenic outfit, and one of its realistic scenes shows a threshing machine in operation.

A benefit for Murray and David, at the Star Theatre, Buffalo, netted about \$1,000.

Jeannie Winston, the opera singer, will retire from the stage, and take up residence in Italy, where she has property.

G. V. Fowler, manager of the Coultier Opera House at Frankfort, Ind., has also leased the new Columbian Theatre in that city for a term of years, and will close the former house. Mr. Fowler has been a manager for several years, and is very popular. The new Columbian is one of the finest theatres in Indiana, having a stage that will accommodate any attraction on the road. All contracts made by the former management will be made good.

The season of Powell, the magician, will open on Sept. 4, and Jack Curry, who has control of the attraction for a term of years, is sparing no pains or expense to make his star thoroughly known to the public. Mr. Curry promises that no attraction will be better or more liberally heralded to the public than Powell.

Fanny Rice will add an operetta by Offenbach, The Little Peacemaker, to her repertoire. Her season opens on Sept. 11.

May Vobe's success as Denise in Mam'selle Nitouche at the Trafalgar Square Theatre, London, recently surprised those that thought they had measured her ability when she acted formerly in this country. The management received notice of Miss Vobe's withdrawal from the cast the other day. Miss Vobe will reappear in the Autumn in London at the Lyric Theatre.

Mr. Barnes of New York goes out this season under the management of Harry S. Duffield, with Phoebe McAllister in the leading role, supported by a strong company. The original scenery from the Broadway Theatre will be carried. The company is booked for thirty-six weeks in first-class houses.

E. H. Gerstle, who was the advertising agent of Huber's Museum last season, will go with Frank Daniels' Little Puck company.

Rudolph Aronson has brought suit against the receivers of the Casino for \$1,000, which he claims is due to him as salary for managing the roof garden.

Edward Vernon, an English actor, has been engaged to support Rosina Vokes.

Charles Chatterton, private secretary of Henry E. Abbey, sailed from England on Saturday. He has been representing Mr. Abbey in London this summer.

Roland Hennessey has composed a love song which Wilfred Young sang for the first time on Saturday at Proctor's Theatre.

It is said that Frederick Warde and Louis James are considering an Australian tour during 1904-5 in The Lion's Mouth and Francesca da Rimini, the latter of which plays Mr. Warde has secured for an additional two years from the Baker estate.

Nancy McIntosh, a sister of Burr McIntosh, has been engaged by D'Ole Carte as prima donna for the coming Gilbert and Sullivan opera at the Savoy Theatre, London.

Little Irene Franklin wishes the statement that she was locked up at Aunt Beach the other day denied, as her mother paid the fine and they returned to the city.

DRAMATIC.

Edith, Catherine Peterson, Arthur Living, John
Jefferson Thompson, George Rossmuth, Ed
Brandon, Bertha Foltz, Annie Millin, and Mrs.
M. Bates. Now playing.

STON OPERA CO.—Burt Martin, ma
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Brandon, Bertha Foltz, Annie Minlin, and Mrs.
M. Bates. Now playing.

BARREL OF MONEY—Stair and Nicksone, I. Louis Koster, manager.

Ed Brothins, Jules Dova, Charles P. Morris
M. Williams, John Love, Della Jackson, Ann
Allen, Georgia Putnam, Hilda and Rose LaPar
Nellie Free, Minnie Miller, Henriette Rosch, Ed
Craske, Hattie Stanton, Blanche Allen, Jesse D

R JACK—E. D. Stair, B
torn; George H. Nace

Sully, treasurer; Daniel Sully, Colin Varney, F. B. Hill, Bartlett, Cushing, Joseph Cusack, George Fisher, F. A. Ronnen, Fred Kuttler, Louise Sully May Leverage, Emma Donaldson, Mattie Vore and Baby Ethel. Four begins Kingston, N. Y., Sept. 2.

HAILE'S COMEDIANS—James H. Finch, manager; Thomas A. Williams, advance agent; G. E. Tilden, stage manager; Ernest F. Strohmeier.

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Nellie Free, Minnie Miller, Henriette Roach, F. J.
Crass, Bessie Stanton, Blanche Allen, Jessy D.

W. E. LOTHROP'S.—(Strogoff): E. P. Sullivan, John Weber, James L. Byrne, W. H. Dangers.

AGNES LANE.

The subject of the picture on the front page of *The Mirror* this week is Agnes Lane, an actress of ability and a pretty woman. Miss Lane was born at Cos Cob, on Nov. 21, 1872. She comes from an old Connecticut family, and is reasonably proud of her ancestry.

At an early age she distinguished herself in amateur ranks. On March 25, 1888, she made her professional debut as a singing and dancing soubrette in Kentucky, with Joseph Hazleton. After being with this organization only two weeks, the leading lady fell ill, and Miss Lane was given her part, and met with such success that she played it for the balance of the season.

For two years Miss Lane played short engagements in and about New York, a Summer engagement in Pittsburg, Pa., and then she joined Clara Morris. At the close of that season J. F. Cordray, of the Seattle and Portland stock theatres, engaged her to play the leads with his company. There her versatility had full scope, and her success was remarkable. When the stock theatre first opened at Denver, Col., Miss Lane went there, was jointly starred with Clay Clement, and made another success. When the theatre closed, Clay Clement went on the road, and Miss Lane played all his leading tragedy roles, meeting with much praise from the press and public for her conscientious and painstaking work.

Miss Lane has spent the greater portion of her time in the West, where she is well-known and popular. She has played a long list of tragic, emotional, and comedy roles, and it would be difficult to say in which she appears to the best advantage. Among the many in which she has been seen may be mentioned Ophelia, Juliet, Virginia, Camille, Padma, Marco in *The Marble Heart*, Mlle. Celeste in *Sam'l o' Posen*, Gertie Hecker in *Romany Rye*, Madeline in *The Mountebank*, Edith Grey in *The Planter's Wife*, Crystal in *Hearts of Oak*, Mrs. Manheim in *Our Boarding House*, and Emilie in *The Corsican Brothers*.

Miss Lane is a refined and accomplished young woman, and a brilliant conversationalist. She is a perfect blonde, with a fine complexion and large, expressive grey eyes, has a musical voice of more than ordinary power, a prepossessing figure, and is always well-gowned. Her perseverance ought to bring her to the front rank. Miss Lane is at present a member of the Richard Mansfield company.

FLORENCE THROPP'S RETURN.

Florence Thropp, of the company appearing with Lois Fuller at the Garden Theatre, was seen by a *Mirror* reporter at her residence uptown yesterday. Miss Thropp, who has pleased the audiences at the Garden, will be remembered as a member of the Casino company about four years ago. She went abroad to study painting and pursue this study in Germany and France, but was again called to the stage.

Miss Thropp has won an enviable name for her work in comic opera and in pantomime in London and the larger provincial cities in Great Britain, and has appeared acceptably in comic opera and in specialties on the Continent. In the great pantomimes in London she has excelled in boys' parts, and her singing has won her special favor.

"I cannot say," said Miss Thropp, in answer to a question as to whether she would now remain in this country. "I am delighted with New York, and am astonished at the marvelous improvement of the city; and, being a native of this country, it is but natural, perhaps, that despite my liking for the other side and my successes there, I should have a predilection for remaining here. But I have contracts to appear in a Christmas pantomime in London, and for other attractions that will precede it, and should hardly relinquish these unless something very good should offer here."

THE COUNTY FAIR.

Neil Burgess has been hard at work this Summer perfecting the scenic effects for the tour of his County Fair company, which will open the season on Sept. 15. Mr. Burgess claims it will be the best-equipped company he has ever sent out. Entirely new scenery has been made for the play, many novel ideas have been added, and the racing machines, which are patented by Mr. Burgess, have been thoroughly overhauled and improved, and are in perfect working order. The scenery will be carried in a special car, and five horses will be introduced in the race. The company engaged is a strong one, and will include Marie Bates, Ella Salisbury, Reba Carlton, E. Metcalf, F. Maynard, H. Randolph, F. David, L. C. Miller, P. Cavanagh, C. C. Miller and the County Fair Quartette. Arthur G. Thomas will be the manager, with Charles Gordon and Irving W. Kelly in advance.

RENO AND FORD STAGE SCENES.

A company under the management of Reno and Ford is touring the North of New York State in a play called *Joshua Simpkins*. It is a palpable piracy and commingling of scenes and situations from *The Old Homestead* and *Blue Jeans*.

The saw-mill scene from *Blue Jeans* and the scene between the old maid, her two venerable rustic lovers and the arrival of Uncle Josh—Simpkins instead of Whitcomb—in the city in *The Old Homestead* are the principal plagiarisms. John J. Black appears as Joshua.

AS YOU LIKE IT IN WASHINGTON.

Charles B. Hanford is in the city arranging for a cast for an out-door performance of *As You Like It*, to be given in Washington early in September. Alberta Gallatin will be the Rosalind, Frank Cronin the Touchstone, Cretion Clarke, who has retired from Augustin Daly's company and latterly returned to America, will probably be the

Orlando, and Mr. Hanford will play the part of Jaques. A chorus of forty voices will sing the original music under the direction of Prof. N. Dushane Cloward. The performance will be given in a picturesque piece of woods near Chief Justice Fuller's and Mrs. John A. Logan's residences, the property of Senator John Sherman, of Ohio.

OUR SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

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There is scarcely a day in the year that we do not receive applications for information concerning play books, photographs and popular songs. We have always cheerfully furnished such information when in our power.

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These orders, however, have grown in number from day to day. *THE MIRROR* seems to be generally regarded throughout the country as headquarters for everything pertaining to the stage. That is why we have been compelled in self defence to establish a Supply Department, in order not to have the filling of orders relating to play books, photographs, popular songs, etc., interfere with the newspaper business that is transacted in our publication office.

Our Supply Department has been placed in charge of a gentleman of long experience in that line of business.

Correspondence is solicited, and information will be given cheerfully to intending purchasers. All communications should be addressed to Supply Department, *NEW YORK DRAMATIC MIRROR*, 1432 Broadway.

ROBERT DOWNING'S SEASON.

Robert Downing has been rehearsing his company in Hampton, Va., preparatory to opening his season in the South. After three weeks in that section Mr. Downing will visit the North and East, then go into Canada, and afterward to the West. His season will probably terminate on the Pacific coast. Mr. Downing will have one of the best companies ever associated with him as a star. He has spent over \$5,000 for new costumes. Eugene Blair (Mrs. Downing), who has enjoyed the distinction of being one of the best dressed actresses upon the stage, will display a dozen or more new gowns the material for which was specially made for her in Paris. Mr. Downing looks forward to a prosperous season, notwithstanding the changed conditions of the commercial world.

LONDON HASN'T HOTT'S FANCE.

Either the British public is more of a fool than it is credited with being, or John F. Sheridan, the female impersonator, who starred here without success last season, is imposing upon it with much skill.

He has recently produced in London at the Vaudeville Theatre a piece called *A Trip to Chicago*. According to an article published in the *London Sporting and Dramatic News*, as "the play produced successfully in America under the title of *A Trip to Chinatown*."

A Trip to Chicago is not *A Trip to Chinatown*, but has been produced in America. Its title here was Mrs. O'Brien, M. P., originally produced by Mr. Sheridan in Australia, and it was a failure at the Bijou Theatre and elsewhere.

IS PANJANDRUM GOODWIN'S?

It was stated last week that Panjandrum in its entirety is an adaptation, it being practically the opera of Miss Robinson, the musical comedy produced successfully in Paris, and of which W. M. Wilkin, Alexander Salvini's manager, has the American rights.

Said Ben Stevens: "Is Miss Robinson the opera in which there are doves? If so, it is the one I have been told the idea of the doves in Panjandrum is borrowed from."

"Is Panjandrum an adaptation of Miss Robinson? I do not know. Cheever Goodwin submitted eighteen scenarios to De Wolf Hopper and me before we accepted one. Goodwin is a French scholar, and it may be that Panjandrum is an adaptation. It does not make any difference to me whether it is or not."

Mr. Goodwin is out of town.

THE BOOTH STATUE.

London Illustrated News.

Mr. Harrison Grey Fiske, of the New York *DRAMATIC MIRROR*, suggests that a statue to Edwin Booth be erected in Central Park by popular subscription. As the editor of the leading journal of the dramatic profession in the United States, he believes that such an honor is due to the memory of the great tragedian, and he seeks to take the initiative in the proper beginning of such a worthy movement. Later on, a committee will be organized, and there is little doubt but that the movement will be taken up in a cordial and generous spirit by a public that Mr. Booth intellectually delighted for a number of years.

MORE JOLLY SURPRISES.

The title of *A Jolly Surprise* has been such a lucky trade-mark for Fanny Rice that she has decided not to discard it in her new productions the coming season. Under the title of Fanny Rice's New Jolly Surprises she will present Offenbach's operetta, *A Little Peacemaker*, and two new comedies. One is called *Miss Innocence Abroad* and the other *A Little Yaboda*.

The Wabash Railroad is the most popular route for traveling theatrical troupes. For any information in regard to rates, etc., apply to H. H. McDaniel, Gen. Eastern Agent, 409 Broadway, New York; P. A. Palmer, Asst. G. P. Agent, 201 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.; P. Chandler, G. P. Agent St. Louis, Mo.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN.

After a pleasant Summer at the seaside Laura Clifton has returned to the city.

The Bijou, Nashville, Tenn., opened for the season on Aug. 21.

Frederic de Belleville will be a member of the Coghlan company only during the engagements in Chicago and Milwaukee.

George W. Lecker informs *The Mirror* that the only attraction he will manage this season is the Thomas Q. Seabrooke Opera company.

Marie Halton has returned from Philadelphia.

J. H. Gilmore arrived from Minneapolis the other day and will remain here until he begins to rehearse as leading man of Daniel Frohman's comedy company.

Charles Charters has returned to New York after a Summer season with the Kemper and Wagenhal's stock company.

Edgar Strakosch has gone to New Mexico in the interests of Abbey, Schoeffel and Grau.

Frank Opperman has signed for character work in the stock company of the new People's Theatre, at Minneapolis, Minn. The season will open the latter part of September.

William Furst has been re-engaged as musical director of the Columbus Theatre, Harlem.

Harry Rich is manager of Elmer E. Vance's Patent Applied For.

George Staley is said to have found many valuable suggestions pertaining to the era in which Antony the Trumpeter is laid in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Florence Gerald has signed for the heavy in *Under the City Lamps*.

W. H. Post has been specially engaged by Frank Losee as stage manager for the production of *The Romany Rye*, previous to the opening of his regular season with Charles L. Davis on Sept. 15.

The officers of the Italian squadron anchored in the North River attended Pain's spectacle, *The Storming of Vicksburg*, at Manhattan Beach, last Tuesday evening.

Hugh B. Smith, a theatrical manager of Jacksonville, Fla., has been missing from his home for several weeks.

Alfred Harper has been engaged as treasurer for *The Man From Fargo*.

George W. Wadleigh has gone to Boston in advance of Venus. Mr. Wadleigh will continue to be general manager for E. E. Rice.

Davenport Bebus has joined *The Power of the Press*.

According to the Chicago papers, Minnie Dupree has made a big hit as the slothful daughter of a blacksmith in *In Mizoura*.

Belle Stevenson recently closed season with the Seymour-Stratton Repertoire company at Madison, Conn., and is in town.

Jerome Eddy, dramatic editor of the *Sunday Democrat* and Eddy's *Squib*, has been engaged by Patrick Ford to take charge of the theatrical department of the *Irish American*.

Trist Friganz, who appeared at Palmer's in Disney's support a year ago, has been engaged for Rice's *Venus*.

Arthur A. Lotto, business manager of *Friends* last season, will fill the same position in *The Lights of London* this season.

Manager J. W. Sylvester, of the Marion Opera House, Ocala, Fla., writes to *The Mirror* asking aid in finding the whereabouts of Johnny Moore, who left that place with Duncan Clark's Female Minstrels. Young Moore is requested to return home at once, as his father and brother are critically ill and his mother is frantic over her troubles at home and his absence.

Horace W. Clinton, primo baritone, has engaged with the Lord Rooney company. Mr. Clinton will sing two new songs, "Whenever There is a Woman in the Case," and the latest craze, "Tra-la-la." Although he was a pupil at the New York Conservatory of Music, this is Mr. Clinton's first season in singing parts. He played comedy roles in the stock company at the Edgewood Avenue Theatre, Atlanta, Ga., last season.

William T. Raymond, who is a Summer habitue of Long Branch, recently officiated as one of the judges in a bicycle carnival held there.

Lizzie Evans has joined the Golden Wedding company.

The lease and fixtures of Koster and Bial's music hall on Twenty-third Street were sold at auction on the premises last Tuesday. Max Richter, an old employe of the firm, was the purchaser at \$5,000.

Charles Coote will play John Drew's role in a No. 2 company of *The Masked Ball*.

George W. Monroe will revive *My Aunt Bridget* this season, with all the salient points of Aunt Bridget's Baby. Owen Westford will play the leading light comedy part.

W. H. Crompton, as Tolman in *Liberty Hall*, makes up in resemblance of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Primrose and West opened season at Utica, N. Y., last Thursday night to \$1,244, and many were turned away. The show was well received.

The Standard Theatre, St. Louis, was slightly damaged by smoke and water from an adjoining fire last Thursday.

E. P. Simpson is now business manager of H. R. Jacobs' Academy of Music, Chicago, where he has many friends, and in which position he will no doubt prove his value. Mrs. Simpson is at Asbury Park, and will join him in Chicago about the middle of September.

Frazer Coulter has returned from Philadelphia, where he has inspected the new scenery that has been specially painted for *The Lights of London*, in which he and Grace Morne will appear in the leading characters. Their tour, for forty weeks, will take them to Denver and thence South, and the season will end in New York.



An excellent portrait of Matt Smith appears above. Mr. Smith is one of the present generation of go-ahead managers. He will this season personally conduct the tour of Jefferson, Klaw and Erlanger's aquatic spectacle, *A Dark Secret*, having purchased the right to the same from the above firm. Mr. Smith's company will include thirty persons, several European specialties, and a carload of new scenery and mechanical effects. If good management and hard work will win, *A Dark Secret* ought to be profitable under Mr. Smith's management. His company will include all of the original New York cast.

William Gillette is finishing a new farce. Eberly Turner will manage the stage for James O'Neill this season.

Josephine Hall has been re-engaged by Charles Frohman.

Elisabeth Harbury has returned to her office in the Empire Theatre Building.

Madeline Merh has engaged her company with the exception of the leading man.

W. R. Rice, last season business manager of the Potter-Bellows company, has been engaged by Henry E. Abbey to go in advance of Henry Irving.

On Saturday afternoon Camille D'Arville, Belle Thorne, Cora Finnie, C. D. Marius, and W. H. Hamilton went to Cape May, where on that evening they gave an entertainment.

Fred Ross, formerly in Joe Jefferson's company, has signed with William H. Crane.

George F. Nash will be leading man for Joe Jefferson.

Lily Pot has been engaged by Mapleson and Whitney to appear in *The Fencing Master*. Reginald De Koven will compose some music especially for her to sing. This will be Miss Pot's first engagement in anything else than a star part for several seasons.

In Charles Townsend's latest play—*The Midnight Hour*—the young author-actor will originate a new role, that of a good-natured, light-hearted cripple, whose lameness is cured in the last act. It is a plucky character, with considerable heroic business, and the author will have ample opportunities for displaying his fund of dry, quaint humor.

Manager George Farren has engaged James Fort to go in advance of *Blue Grass*. Gertrude Fort, who underwent two surgical operations last season, is now enjoying good health. She is again with McCarthy's *Mishaps*, for a third season, having made a pronounced success in the character part of Jemima Primrose, which she costumes quaintly.

The Grand and the People's Theatres in Evansville, Ind., have been consolidated under one management. Theodore Venemann, of that city, has been elected general manager, secretary and treasurer, and T. J. Groves, formerly manager of the People's, as assistant manager. Arrangements had been made between Manager Groves and Brown Osgood and Reilly, of the Bijou, at Louisville for a partnership, but Venemann and Groves having purchased all the interests of Brown, Osgood and Reilly, all bookings made by the latter for Evansville will be filled by the former, including those for Sunday nights.

Sam Duval has been engaged as property man for the Academy of Music, Jersey City. Dulcie Durant will do the kangaroo dance in *Dr. Bill*.

A. F. Hartz, who lost in the burning of the Euclid Avenue Opera House, Cleveland, the results of years of work, and who has been asked to authorize a benefit in his behalf by citizens of that place, has declined that formal testimonial, but announces that he will instead accept the premiums that may be paid upon boxes and seats to be sold at auction for the opening of the new Euclid Avenue Theatre, on Monday, Sept. 14, when Richard Mansfield will be the star.

Frank Jones has been re-engaged as a member of Fanny Rice's company. Mr. Jones spent six weeks in Chicago this Summer, studying the Fair, and has also enjoyed a month of rest on a farm near Cincinnati.

Robert Edison will join the Empire Theatre stock company.

E. E. Rice spends every Sunday in Boston.

The New York Telegraphers' Dramatic and Literary Association has elected: President, William G. Ingram; vice-president, Jacob Tuck; secretary, M. Lasher Wescott; treasurer, George Levene. The association will present *The Culkin Havn* at their second annual entertainment.

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Between Pinero's *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray* and Augier's forty-year-old play *Le Mariage d'Olympe* there are many striking points of resemblance, although the London critics, usually keen in such matters, have failed to discover them.

The same kind of woman is the central figure of both plays, and although there is considerable difference in details the general outlines of the plots are similar.

Mr. Pinero is an accomplished dramatist, and no doubt he has put a good deal of original thought and work into *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*, and of course he will scout the suggestion that he drew his inspiration from Augier.

But it will be remembered that when the originality of *The Squire* was questioned seriously, Mr. Pinero stoutly disclaimed that he had borrowed any of its material from Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

In that case Mr. Pinero's denials were accepted for few.

Le Mariage d'Olympe has been free from the attentions of English and American adapters, owing solely to the fact that the dénouement is too revolting to meet with approval by a Paris audience, let alone by the more sensitive public of London or New York.

Anglo-Saxon sentiment will not tolerate the shooting down in her tracks of a woman by a man, even though the woman be such an unmitigated beast as Olympe, whose *nostalgie de la tour* is pictured by Augier in frightfully vivid colors.

He wrote this play as a protest against the dedication of the cocotte as exemplified in the character of Dumas' *Car ille*.

Superb as the drama is in dialogue, construction, and characterization its brutal ending—the only ending logically consistent with the trend of the play, however—makes it unpalatable. The same thing happens in Dumas' *La Femme de Claude*. The killing of the guilty wife kills the play.

In re-casting Augier's piece Mr. Pinero has avoided or rather shirked this danger. Finding no substitute for the original dénouement (clearly for the reason that there is none to be found), he simply drops the curtain without winding up the story, omitting out punishment and reward in the usual manner.

This is a new method of writing finis to be sure, but the English public seems to have welcomed it, and Mrs. Kendal evidently believes that it will prove satisfactory here, since she has secured the American rights, and will make *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray* her *pièce de résistance* this season.

Mrs. Potter, I believe, had *Le Mariage d'Olympe* translated a couple of years ago, the part of the wife tempting her, but she wisely decided that the piece would fail if presented in its original form.

A letter from Mrs. Potter, by the way, written to a friend in this city a few days before she sailed for India from England, contains some interesting notes and observations.

"I was deeply disappointed," she says, "not to be able to return to the United States. I had become much interested in my work there, and as soon as my present contracts terminate I shall return and devote myself to pleasing the public and trying to win the good words of the press. I thought at first no one liked me, but when I found out that it was only a case of bad management that was militating against me I felt very differently.

"Mr. Bellev is now half way to India. He sailed on July 22. I shall sail on Aug. 12 with the company and Mr. Twining, my manager. We shall open in Rome and Juliet.

"If we can secure the Fourteenth Street Theatre for a run we hope to return to New York in January. We shall not know definitely until Mr. Rosenquest finds how Mr. Arthur's new piece goes in October.

Probably no class of travelers requires protection from the horrors of fire so much as professionals. In hotels the majority of members of a company are assigned to rooms on upper floors. In case of a big fire they are in the most dangerous situation.

New hotels throughout the country are provided adequately with means of escape. The authorities in most cities and towns are criminally lax in compelling the adoption of ample safeguards. We are shocked frequently by terrible disasters from fires in hotels, and not infrequently the lives of persons connected with traveling companies are sacrificed.

I don't think that actors give enough thought to this matter. Very few take measures to provide against catastrophe.

The most sensible suggestion in this connection comes from Hugh Coyle, theatrical and newspaper man.

He says that one objection to the various portable fire-escapes now on the market is their bulk and weight. A more serious objection is that they are all made of hemp rope, which furnishes the fiery element with tempting food and therefore cannot be depended upon. The fate of the firemen who perished recently in the cold storage warehouse disaster at Chicago proves how worthless a rope often is in those cases.

Mr. Coyle's fire-escape is a flexible wire rope, about fifty feet long and not so large around as one's little finger. It takes up little room in a trunk; it won't burn; it weighs only one pound and a-half; and its cost is trifling.

Mr. Coyle thinks that one or two of these wire ropes, which can be purchased with little trouble, should be carried by every company, and instructions as to its use given to all the members, men and women. He is never without one. It goes in his satchel without the sacrifice of much space.

Mr. Coyle's idea is excellent, and professionals with a proper regard for their safety should adopt it.

In a Washington paper Giles Shine has an article on stock companies that is worthy of general perusal.

Mr. Shine calls attention to the defects of the present system. He lays stress particularly upon the practice that some of our most active managers follow of sending out number two and number three companies, made up of inferior players, to trade upon the name and fame of some metropolitan success.

That practice has come to be a source of serious complaint, not only among theatre managers throughout the country, but what is more to the purpose, among the public that pays its money and has a right to expect to get its money's worth in return.

I know for a fact—and so, too, do many of my readers—that the names or trademarks of two or three prominent and enterprising managers have become worthless in many sections of the country owing to the third-rate companies they have multiplied and sent forth to butcher plays that have won New York's stamp of approval and patronage.

I have not sufficient space to reproduce Mr. Shine's arguments in favor of the restoration of first-rate stock companies in all the large cities; but I shall quote what he says about the Summer stock companies that have become popular in various localities of late.

"Let the Summer stock companies increase. They are the forerunners of the return of the Fall and Winter season, the downfall of one-part actors, and the advancement of the drama generally."

The Summer companies are not accorded the importance that they deserve. They are gradually getting to be schools, in a modest way, and they give in a few weeks or months more experience and more practice to young actors than can be secured oftentimes under the most favorable conditions during half-a-dozen seasons on the road.

A SARATOGA EVENT.

Rose Coghan and an excellent supporting company appeared at the Town Hall, Saratoga Springs, last Thursday evening in *Forget-Me-Not*. Although all the seats on the lower floor were held at \$2.50 each, the house was crowded and the audience was one of the most representative ever gathered in the theatre. There were over a dozen theatre parties, and among the prominent persons noted in attendance were Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan and family, Mayor Gilroy and family, Governor Wurtz of New Jersey and family, Edward Kearney, William C. Sanford, Colonel Thomas Ochiltree, and others. The receipts of the performance were fully \$2,800, the largest in the history of Saratoga.

MR. FLEMING'S VENTURE.

W. J. Fleming has leased the Jersey City Opera House, which he intends to run as a stock theatre, producing standard and popular melodramas with as good a company as he can procure. Mr. Fleming's season will open on Sept. 2 with *Around the World in Eighty Days*. He will change his bill weekly. Mr. Fleming's friends will be pleased to see him succeed in his new field.

Josh E. Ogden will go in advance of Katharine Clemmons, whose season will open in Washington, at the Grand Opera House, on Sept. 18. Her play, *A Lady of Venice*, will be one of the finest scenic productions on the road, the outfit upon it having been over \$20,000, it is said. The company have been rehearsing daily of late.

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The *Requiem* Quartette has been engaged to sing in Adonis.

Frank Saddler and Jessie Villars will appear in Adonis.

J. Clarence West will be musical director of the Deshon Opera company.

Therence Drake has signed as second soprano of the Wang company.

E. Rogers and David Ballantine were engaged yesterday for the Billy Barry company.

Recent engagements for The Hustler company are Joseph Nicol, Marion Van Cortlandt, and Lizzie Winner.

Wemyss Henderson returned from Europe last week on the *First Rismark*, and went at once to Chicago to consult with his brother, David Henderson. He is expected back in town this week.

Marks and Norman have engaged Edward Leahy and Philip E. Collins for The Pulse of New York company.

R. A. Roberts returned from Buffalo on Saturday.

Frank Bush has joined Tony Pastor's company on the road.

Isaac Newton went to Utica on Sunday ahead of Mavourneen.

Marion Lester has been re-engaged by Sol Smith Russell for the season of 1903-04, and Minnie Radcliffe, for the last two seasons leading lady with this star, has also been re-engaged for the same position.

W. H. McCormick, business manager of the Broadway Theatre, returned on Friday from his annual vacation.

James B. Dickson will manage the tours of *A Fair Rebel* and *An American Hero*.

Katie Emmett has excited popular interest in her sensational scene in Killarney—in which she swings across the stage on a rope at a height of twenty-five feet—by taking out a heavy accident insurance policy.

The billiard editor of the *Spirit of the Times* proposes a benefit for Joseph Dion, the billiardist, who is still in the asylum at Westport, Conn., as the DeLacey fund, which has maintained him comfortably for some time, is exhausted. Dion was always willing to volunteer for the dramatic profession. The proposer of this benefit is willing that twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds shall go to the Actors' Fund.

By the World Forgotten, Havlin's Theatre, Cincinnati, O., Aug. 27, week. Hagan Opera House, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 3, week.

The Salt Lake *Herald* and the *Sedalia, Mo., Gazette* are with pleasure added to the large list of newspapers that take with due credit much matter from the columns of *The Mirror*, which the *Gazette* characterizes as "the profession's choicest and most reliable treasure trove; no other source compares with it."

Marie Collins, the English serio-comic, who has been appearing at the Imperial Music Hall, has been announced as the sister of Lottie Collins. Miss Collins objects to this. She says she wants to be advertised on her own merits only. She challenges comparison. As Lottie Collins is appearing at the Star Theatre this week, the public can decide for itself which of the sisters it prefers.

Clarence Rogerson has signed as musical director with Robert Munroe. J. A. Kane and James C. MacGurn have also been engaged by Mr. Munroe.

Henshaw and Ten Broeck will remain at Plymouth, Mass., until Sept. 4, when they will begin rehearsal of the new *Nabobs* in New York.

Edith Newton, who has been playing the part of Zamora in *Ali Baba*, has resigned from David Henderson's management. She arrived in New York on Wednesday.

Proctor and Turner intend to send a vandyke company on the road next season.

James L. Lederer has booked *The Nabobs* at the Park Theatre, this city, for October.

The title of the play in which Clara Lipman and Louis Man are to play has been changed from *Faint Heart* to *The Laughing Girl*.

One of the features of *A Trip to Mars*, which will open at Niblo's on Sept. 5, will be a procession following a ballet called "Mars Fashions." A large number of boots will be seen marching on the stage, each boot being nearly six feet high and bearing on the top a head properly dressed. Then will come the Indian, America's original inhabitant, the dude, his *fin de siècle* successor, the rowdy and the tough girl, the policeman and the fireman, the jockey, the negro, the emigrant and other characteristic figures of the day. This procession will be followed by a chariot in which will be the libtians, drawn by four very small black ponies driven by Franz Ebert.

The *Mirror* stated last week that Mabel Eaton was leading lady last Summer of the stock company at Binghamton, N. Y. The leading business of that company was shared by Miss Eaton and Grace Atwell. Miss Eaton played Enid in *The Passing Regiment*, Edith Gray in *The Planter's Wife*, Dorothy in *Kathleen Mavourneen*, Malvina in *The Squire*, Mrs. Eastlake Chapel in *The Crust of Society*, and other leading roles. Miss Atwell appeared as Juliet, Francesca da Rimini, Young Mrs. Winthrop and Louise in *A Night Off*.

Many a now successful member of the theatrical guild is indebted to Colonel Sinn for a start, and the latest to leave Brooklyn for larger fields is the Colonel's former secretary and press agent, Samuel Freedman, who will act as business manager and treasurer for Marion Manola and John Mason. Mr. Freedman was to have been business manager of the Grand Opera House, Brooklyn, but was kindly released by Manager McCutcheon to accept his present position. Mr. Freedman has had a thorough newspaper and theatrical experience, has become quite well known as a magazine writer, and is earnest, capable and energetic.



Above is a picture of Gerald Gêrome, leading tenor of The Fencing Master company for this season. Mr. Gêrome is a pupil of Trabadello, the singing master of Paris, who taught Jean de Reszke. Gerald Gêrome has sung with great success at the Trocadero concert in Paris, and last Winter he appeared in Nice, Mentone, and Monte Carlo, where he became a great favorite. Mr. Gêrome sang also in London, and at once met with approval from the critics there. Before leaving the English metropolis Mr. Gêrome was offered a three years' engagement by Sir Augustus Harris, but the terms not being satisfactory the young American tenor decided to return to the United States. Immediately upon his arrival here he was heard by Colonel Mapleson, who engaged him for the Mapleson-Whitney Opera company. Mr. Gêrome's operatic repertoire includes Faust, Romeo and Juliet, *Avila, Trovatore*, Carmen, and *Rigoletto*, in all of which operas he has sung in Italy.

Lola Biggar is negotiating to play the leading role in *Abe Spitz's* Amusement company of Boston.

Hattie S. Haven, the contralto, has been engaged to play the part originated by Theresa Vaughan in *We, U.S.A.*

F. P. Folsom is engaging a company to act Colonel Milliken's military drama, *The Confederate Colonel*.

Edwin Warner, manager of Hanlon's Supper company, has been making new engagements.

Louise Courtney will play the soubrette roles in Martin Hayden's *Held in Slavery* company.

The boxing kangaroo will be with the Reilly and Woods' show this season.

Lionel Bland and Gerald Coventry have been enjoying a month's camping out combined with hunting and fishing, at Panamoko Park Manor, Long Island. Panamoko Park is the property of A. E. Sumner, formerly a dramatic agent in this city.

Thomas E. DeFew will appear as the detective in W. T. Stevens' new play, *The Signal Light*.

The Abe Spitz Amusement Company proposes to run two stock companies alternately between Brockton and Lynn.

Joseph E. Pearce, leading man of the Western Span of Life company, which was presented at the Grand Opera House last week, is well known in England. His last engagement there was as Harry Manley, the part originated by Harry Lacy in *The Still Alarm*. Mr. Pearce also made successes in *In the Ranks* and *Harbor Lights*. He thinks of making America his home. Mr. Pearce has secured the American rights of Arthur Shirley's melodrama, *King of Crime*, and hopes to make a production of it.

So many companies have been rehearsing in this city lately that there is not a hall nor a theatre to be had for the purpose, and in some instances pretty high figures have been charged by the proprietors of small halls having stages in them.

The *World Against Her*, under management of Samuel T. Villa, will open season on Sept. 25.

The Woodward Opera House, Mount Vernon, Ohio, has been improved during the Summer, and its manager, Harry M. Green, looks forward to a good season. The opening attraction, for Aug. 30, is Peter Jackson.

The German bands heard in this city on their way to the World's Fair will make a tour of the country under management of James W. Morrissey and Henry Wolfsohn. The route includes the leading cities, in each of which two Wagner festival performances will be given, as well as a military night, an opera night, an American night, and a ballroom night. The largest possible auditorium will be used in each place, and the season will close in Washington on Dec. 5 with a musical performance and a military reception in honor of America and Germany.

Sara, the child dancer who has just finished her season with Lillian Russell, has been engaged to do an oriental dance in Katharine Clemmons' company.

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The articles of association of Koster, Bial and Company, filed with the Secretary of State, permit that firm also to carry on a hotel business. Mr. Bial says that a part of the Manhattan Opera House may be turned into a hotel, but the company has no intention of that kind at present.



Harrigan's—Dan's Tribulations.

Local drama in three acts, by Edward Harrigan. Revised Aug. 28.

Dan Mulligan..... Edward Harrigan
Simpson Primrose..... John Wild
Rebecca Lallup..... Joseph Sparks
Rev. Palestine Pater..... James Radcliffe
Gustav Lockmiller..... Harry A. Fisher
August Bumble..... George Merritt
Mollie Melrose..... John Decker
John Quigley..... Charles F. McCarthy
Mrs. Bridget Lockmiller..... Mattie Moore
Kate McGloin..... Emma Pollock
Julia..... Fannie Batchelder
Cordelia Mulligan..... Annie Veamans

One of the most pleasant events of the opening of a New York theatrical season is the first night at Harrigan's Theatre. Mr. Harrigan and his genial associates are time-tried favorites, and it is always known in advance that they will provide an abundance of grotesque and graphic characters and scenes.

The theatre was reopened on Monday by a revival of Dan's Tribulations, one of the principal successes at the old Theatre Comique, when Tony Hart was in the cast. The present production of the play is very different to the original. The dialogue has been rewritten and brought up to date; various songs from other of Mr. Harrigan's plays have been introduced, and the construction has been altered and consequently improved.

Mr. Harrigan received a rousing welcome on his first entrance. Indeed, there was no putting a stop to the applause until he stepped up to the footlights and thanked the audience "for their warm reception of him on such a very warm night." The other principals were also applauded as they made their respective entrances in the first act. There was "Johnny" Wild with an indescribable make-up as Simpson Primrose, and Joseph Sparks, as black as the ace of spades, in the part of Rebecca Lallup. Harry Fisher gave as usual an inimitable character sketch of Lockmiller, the "irascible" Dutchman, who is supposed to be dead, but comes to life at a most untimely moment. James Radcliffe as Rev. Palestine Pater, George Merritt as August Bumble, John Decker as Mollie Melrose, and Charles F. McCarthy in the dual role of John Quigley and Honora Dublin were all capital.

Charles Coffey did some realistic acting as Walsingham McSeewy. Edward J. Mack was cast for Roderick O'Dwyer. Dan Burke for Boss Brady, Richard Quilter for Horace Nichols, Edward W. Hume for Tom Mulligan, and William West as the Chinaman, and all made the most of their opportunities.

Mr. Harrigan repeated his racy personation of that typical Irishman, Dan Mulligan. He was applauded to the echo whenever he treated the audience to the old-time favorites, such as "The Little Side Door" and other songs of Dave Abraham's repertoire.

Emma Pollock sang and danced herself into popularity with her rendering of "The Little Bush of Berries" in the first act. She has become a trifle artificial in her acting and her chronic smile is not exactly joyous, but her Katie McGloin was on the whole a creditable effort.

Jennie Veamans as Cordelia Mulligan was as amusing and artistic as ever. Mattie Moore was fairly good as Mrs. Bridget Lockmiller, Fannie Batchelder as Julia, Paula Edwards as Kittie Mulligan, Marjorie Teal as Ella, and Daisy Sinclair as Jennie, all acquitted themselves with credit.

In addition to the songs referred to above, Mr. Harrigan introduced "The Full Moon Union, St. Degree," "Hurry Little Children, Sunday Morn," and "Roderick O'Dwyer." There was occasional infusion of novel strains to the incidental music.

Manhattan—Vandeville.

The Manhattan opened last season with Mrs. Bernard Beere. It reopened on Monday night with Lager Beer.

The trouble on the opening night was that the audience was not educated up to the idea involved in turning the Manhattan into a music hall. They should have behaved just as they do at the Alhambra and Empire in London—that is to say, lounge in the lounge-room, circulate about amidst the throng of men and women and open bottles. Instead of which they sat quietly in their seats and took note of what was going on upon the stage. Time, however, will, as usual, tell.

The inauguration programme of the new Music Hall is not in the main novel. Carmenetta was welcomed back to the stage. Paganetta's grotesque movements occasioned the usual plethora of laughter. The three Judges and Mario and Dunham did clever acrobatic work. Maude St. John, a coquette, made her first appearance in America and a fair success. The Bara Troupe, the Delina Sisters, and Señorita Tortajada went through specialty performances the schemes of which were not clear to the audience.

The ballet of Versailles was danced for the first time here in its entirety. It was the best part of the entertainment. It was danced with agility, it was costumed gorgeously and Clara Qualitz, the premiere danseuse, eclipsed herself.

Fourteenth Street—Glen-de-Lough.

This house was reopened for the season last night, when a good-sized audience greeted the reproduction of Glen-de-Lough, an Irish drama, in which J. K. Murray was seen at the same house last year, and made a favorable impression on the public, especially for his singing. "Kathleen Mavourneen" was repeated by Mr. Murray, while

the venerable composer of the old song wielded the baton for the occasion. The play and the performance of it have been much improved since its former presentations here. The audience insisted on several repetitions of Mr. Murray's songs, and was gratified.

Park Theatre.—A Night at the Circus.

Hyde and Behman's Park Theatre reopened on Saturday night. During the Summer the house has been completely renovated and supplied with new scenery, carpets chairs, etc. Practically nothing but the walls of the old house remain. In its present shape it is an exceedingly bright and cosy theatre.

Nellie McHenry also opened her season with the bright, ever popular and mirth provoking Night at the Circus. Miss McHenry is without a peer in her line, and has an indescribable charm in all she does.

The supporting company is efficient in every particular, and lends valuable aid to the star.

Notwithstanding the excessive heat of the evening, a large audience testified their approval by frequent encores to the various songs and specialties introduced throughout.

Hyde and Behman propose to change their policy in the management of their house, and will book nothing but first-class attractions.

Star.—Howard Athenaeum.

The Boston Howard Athenaeum company began its annual visit to New York on Monday, when it appeared at the Star. It is now under the old management of S. P. Cooney and H. B. Harris.

The principal feature of the entertainment is Lottie Collins, who received quite an ovation. Conroy and Fox, Securus Schaffer, the juggler, and P. C. Shortis, the banjo player, also made hits.

Incidental to Lottie Collins' musical sketch the large audience insisted upon "Ta-ra-ra." A dozen curtain calls, bravos and vociferous applause succeeded in getting one verse only—which was received by a frenzy of shouts and other demonstrations of delight.

Palmer's.—1492.

The hot weather of Saturday night did not prevail against 1492, which was then revived at Palmer's before a large and happy audience. The extravaganza has been brightened as to costumes, lines, songs and eccentricities of action, and is as it stands one of the most amusing entertainments of its kind ever concocted. There is no telling how long it will run, and Manager Rice is consequently in a felicitous mood.

Grand.—The Silver King.

The excellent company organized by Carl A. Haswin began a week's engagement on Monday at the Grand Opera House in The Silver King. Mr. Haswin acted with his usual force as Wilfred Denver, and Frances Haswin was effective as Nellie Denver.

Notwithstanding the extremely warm weather the house contained a fair-sized audience and the popular play, so natural in its situations, was thoroughly appreciated.

People's.—McFee of Dublin.

McFee of Dublin ranged into line at the People's last night. John T. Kelly, a comedian who is the cause of much laughter, appears as McFee. George Parker makes her debut in the company, and her singing and dancing were welcome. Mr. Kelly claims that McFee has a plot and is therefore unique among farce-comedies.

Tony Pastor's.—Variety.

There is a capital programme at Tony Pastor's this week. On Monday Harry Kennedy, the ventriloquist; Ross and Fenton, Mlle. Bertolde, and Nellie L'Estrange were especially well received. The Paterson Brothers performed exciting feats upon the parallel bars.

Jacobs'.—Lost in New York.

The audience at Jacobs' Theatre was thrilled again and again on Monday night by the sensational episodes and climaxes in Leonard Gruener's time-worn, but still popular, melodrama, Lost in New York. Black-mailers, real Croton water, a real ferry boat, and intrigue figure in this piece to an alarming extent.

At Other Houses.

Panjoandrum may still be seen at the Broadway.

The popularity of Liberty Hall at the Empire seems to increase.

The marvelously interpretative pantomimicry in L'Enfant Prodigue at Daly's is the talk of the artistic town.

Captain Lettishair is played to the pleasure of Lyceum audiences.

The returned Black Crook is promised continued success at the Academy.

The hit of The New South at the Madison Square is pronounced.

The production of Fanny at the Standard has been postponed until Monday night. Loie Fuller will dance between the acts.

Next Tuesday evening E. H. Sothern will appear at the Lyceum Theatre in a new play by Paul M. Potter and entitled Sheridan, or the Maid of Bath.

Marie Collins at the Imperial Music Hall challenges comparison with her sister, Lottie, at the Star Theatre. Miss Collins has certainly made a hit with the patrons of the Imperial. Kitty Clayton, Charles Compton, Edward Leslie, and Essy Lang are also to be seen here.

Signor Tagliapietra sang at the Garden Theatre last night, having been engaged for this week by Loie Fuller's manager. "Tag" was well received and answered several encores. His voice was excellent. It is likely that he will be the leading baritone in an opera company in this city this season.

This is the last week of the performances on the Roof Garden of the American. The

place has been well patronized, but is not large enough. The management has not soured a season for closing the roof show so early in the season, as roof garden seasons go.

THE BROOKLYN THEATRES.

Empire.—Faust.

The Empire (late Bedford), newly decorated and equipped electrically, under the management of Jacobs and Sandford, opened its doors for the season on Saturday night. Lewis Morrison gave his spectacular production of Faust. A large audience greeted Mr. Morrison as Mephisto, Francis Lyman as Faust, Edward Wynn as Valentine, and Miss Anna Boyle as Marguerite. They played their parts well and were called before the curtain several times. The play wound up with The Apotheosis, a pretty picture, which was heartily greeted by the audience. Mr. Barnes of New York next week.

Novelty.—Out in the Streets.

Out in the Streets, with N. S. Wood, the popular actor, in the leading role, was produced for the first time on Saturday night in the greatly improved Novelty Theatre, and was well received by a large audience, whom the oppressive heat could not keep away. Mr. Wood did justice to the character of the hero, much to the satisfaction of those present. Master and Man next week.

New Park Theatre.—Doris.

The Park Theatre was opened last night for the season, the attraction being Robert Drouet's play, Doris, with Effie Ellsler in the leading part. The audience was large and the play was well received. An operatic fantasia, Prince Pro Tem, is announced for next week.

Grand Opera House.—Von Vonson.

On Saturday night the Opera House opened to a good house. Gus Heege in Von Vonson was the attraction. The scenic effects were good and the lumberman's quartette was loudly applauded. The Prodigal Father is announced for week of Sept. 4.

Holmes' Star Theatre.—The Scout.

Dr. Carver in The Scout opened the Star on Saturday evening. The spectacular effects and wild and woolly Western scenes seemed to please the spectators hugely. The District Fair next week.

Brooklyn Notes.

A fine bill of first-class attractions is announced for the season at the Park Theatre.

On next Saturday evening the Columbia will open its doors. The Lost Paradise will be the attraction.

Uncle Tom's Cabin is to be given at the Criterion on Saturday evening.

The Columbia Theatre, which is to open for the regular season on Sept. 2, with Henry C. De Mille's successful drama, The Lost Paradise, has just been turned over to Manager Knowles, by the decorators, as fresh and as pretty as on the day when it was first thrown open to the public. The orchestra has been enlarged and remodeled. There will be an extra matinee on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

A pleasant surprise is in store for the patrons of the Amphion Theatre, and when the curtain goes up on The Power of the Press, next Saturday evening, habitués of the old theatre may have some trouble in recognizing the new. Manager Knowles has made alterations and improvements that practically amount to an entire change in the appearance of the interior. Everything is new, including a room for smokers.

Manager T. W. Dinkins announces that his new company will open in Later On at the People's Theatre on Sept. 4. The company is much stronger than last season, and starts out under better auspices.

IS HE AFTER THE CASINO?

C. J. Whitney, the Detroit millionaire, was very much in evidence on the Rialto last week. He very suddenly abandoned his mid-summer salmon fishing trip and came to this city during the hottest weather. The fact that the Casino is in the market, it is believed, has much to do with the Detroit manager's visit here. His son Fred is the manager of Laura Schirmer, Mapleson and The Fencing Master, and a New York season engagement in the Fall is among the possibilities. Mr. Whitney has had an important theatrical circuit in the middle Western States and Canada for many years, and he has just secured leases of the Lyceum Theatre, Detroit, and the Grand Opera House in Toronto, which gives him the control of those cities, and he has just added the Star Theatre, Buffalo, to his already extensive circuit. The fact that he has long wanted a theatre in this city as an Eastern headquarters is well known and lends color to the Casino report. Fred C. Whitney has been negotiating with Ed Koven for a new opera for the Mapleson company, and his partner, Colonel Henry Mapleson, will visit Europe in a few weeks to look over the opera field there. This is probably not being done with any other motive than a long engagement in the metropolis.

REFLECTIONS.

The Kendals will open their New York season at the Star Theatre on Oct. 9, in Pinero's The Second Mrs. Tanqueray.

Before returning to England last week Olga Brandon declined an offer to appear in Richard Mansfield's company.

Emma Vaders, who has again been declared insane, has been taken to Philadelphia for treatment by friends. She says that she is all right, but will never act again unless she stars.

J. J. Rosenthal has gone to Lexington, Ky., where the tour of his star, Bessie Bonehill, will open on Friday.

W. J. Dixon will support James O'Neill. Mary M. Anderson will be leading lady of A White Slave.

Charles Dade has been engaged for Dark-est Russia.

Lavinia Shannon will be leading lady of The Power of the Press.

Clyde Fitch is in Paris.

C. H. Reigl and E. L. Watson will support Fanny Davenport.

Dorothy Kingdon has been engaged for A Nutmeg Match.

H. Percy Meldon, who is just recovering from a severe illness, wishes to thank managers for the offers received. He has decided not to take to the road the coming season, but will consider offers to play light comedy for season 94-95.

Fred. Melville has signed to play Hartzog in Welty and Springer's Black Crook company.

Attention is called to the announcement by Mrs. Sol Smith in another column of her creams for make-up uses. These articles are noted, and the interesting story of Mrs. Smith's advent as a manufacturer—she has long been noted as an actress—will some day be told in THE MIRROR.

Gluth and Coyle, at 20 West Twenty-seventh Street, are among the busiest people in the theatrical furnishing line in New York. Their particular specialty is wigs, grease paints and the numerous articles of make-up.

Fannie, a farce, by George R. Simms and Cecil Raleigh, was acted for the first time in this country at Buffalo last week. The story concerns a wife induced by her husband to pose as the dead wife of another man, so that the husband may get the money due the supposed deceased. Johnstone Bennett, W. J. Ferguson, Mr. Cotton and Elaine Eilson play the principal parts. The casting was clever. The scenery was new and handsome. The play does not seem to have made a success, according to reports from the road, which are not always to be relied upon.

Fanny Addison Pitt will make her re-appearance in E. H. Sothern's support in Sheridan, at the Lyceum next week.

Eugene Wellington has been hobnobbing with the Turn Verein, and has secured a group of Turners to aid in the Turnfest scene in Charles A. Gardner's new German dialect comedy-drama, The Prize Winner. The first production will be at Catskill, N. Y., on Sept. 4. Gene says one good turner deserves another.

The Regent Quartette, composed of Theodore Westman, Mariot Bohannon, Arthur Williams, and Jack Webber, is with Loie Fuller's company at the Garden Theatre this week. This quartette has signed with Henry E. Abbey for the season.

Henry E. Abbey left for San Francisco on Thursday. He will stop over in Chicago.

Edward Rochelle, the English actor, who has played with much success roles originated by Wilson Barrett and E. S. Willard, is now in this country appearing as Dunstan Lach in The Span of Life. Mr. Rochelle has been very ill from bronchitis for a year, and his doctor has ordered him to resign from The Span of Life, as the part is most exhaustive. Mr. Rochelle is therefore open for offers to play.

Harry Vaughn has gone in advance of The Streets of New York.

Louis Booth Darling will play leading business in The World Against Her.

C. Edward Brook has signed as musical director of the True Irish Hearts company.

Britton Stephens has been engaged as musical director of the Smyth Opera House at Manchester, N. H.

Jack Darling has joined the Uncle Hiram company.

John M. Cooke, in past seasons manager for Arthur Rehan, Madame Januschek, Evans and Hoey, Rich and Harris and others, will this season be the business representative of the Edwin Arden company for W. A. Edwards.

Mary Croxton and her mother returned to the city last week. Miss Croxton has been rehearsing as leading lady for Clara Morris.

T. H. Winnett says that bill boards for over 3,000 sheets of paper have been erected to advertise Clark's new Kansas City Theatre.

Frances Drake, who is to star in An American Heiress, has returned from England.

Della Clarke will be the ingénue in The Vendetta.

Ella Hugh Wood's performance of the part of the Massachusetts widow in The New South is exceptionally clever.

Pe-dita Hudspeth is summering at Locust Valley, L. I.

Len B. Sloss has been engaged as advance representative of Braving the World.

Creston Clarke writes to THE MIRROR contradicting a rumor to the effect that he had received his dismissal from the Daly company. "Nothing of the sort has occurred," says Mr. Clarke. "I asked Mr. Daly to release me, as I saw no opening in the company for me. Mr. Daly granted my request, and we parted on amicable terms."

The proprietor of Van Wyck's Grand Opera House, Norfolk, Va., telegraphed to THE MIRROR under date of last Saturday: "Lydia Veamans-Titus, in Ups and Downs, made the greatest hit last night in the history of my house."

The Span of Life will move up to Harlem this week.

Edwin Elroy left the city last Saturday in advance of Paul Barnes in The Chamois Hunter. Mr. Elroy is a worker that any attraction should be proud of. He leaves nothing undone to further success.

J. B. Cooper, who goes out this season with Paul Barnes, in The Chamois Hunter, is a clever actor—his line being old men and character. He also has a good voice and is a handsome man.

REUNION OF STRANDED ELKS.

The New York Lodge and the Philadelphia Lodge of Elks held a reunion and banquet at the Broadway Central Hotel on Sunday, and the split between the New York Lodge and the Order of Elks throughout the country was then and there cemented.

Three years ago, it will be remembered, the New York Lodge separated itself from the rest for the reason that the rest desired to have the annual meetings held at various cities whereas the New York members held that, as the charter stipulated that all meetings should be held in New York, any other location would be illegal.

There was much hard feeling and at one time it looked as though matters would never be mended. The point was finally yielded, however, that the reunions should take place in New York and elsewhere. Hence the love feast of Sunday night.

Several hundred Elks were present. Prominent among them were J. K. Murray, Arthur C. Moreland, Col. T. Allston Brown, Louis Robie, R. S. Martin, Michael Jordan, William Lloyd Bowron, John P. Smith, "Nick" Engle, John J. Brogan, Henri Chagnay, Archie Stalker, James J. Armstrong, E. B. Hay, George A. Reynolds, W. F. Hartley, Bernard Dyllan, Allen O. Meyers, George June, Robert Duncan, Frank Hawley, George Marion, William H. Olmstead, James D. Freeman, and "Billy" Birch.

A handsome sterling silver loving cup was presented by the Philadelphia Lodge to the New Yorkers. Bernard Dyllan and J. K. Murray sang. Stirling and cordial speeches were made by W. F. Hartley, George A. Reynolds, E. B. Hay and Allen O. Myers.

The most interesting of the evening was the speech made by Arthur C. Moreland. Mr. Moreland was one of the most aggressive fighters on the side of New York in the late civil war. Last year a dog scratched his eyes and Mr. Moreland is now almost totally blind. It is probable, however, that he will recover the perfect sight of one eye.

With tears in his voice, Mr. Moreland expressed his gladness that harmony had been restored, and he shook hands with his former adversary, Allen O. Myers.

At a late hour, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung. As Mr. Hay said, the meeting will be remembered as the most remarkable in the Order of Elks.

LAURA BURT WILL SUE.

The New York *World* published last week a story that set forth a scene at an up-town restaurant in which Laura Burt, well known for her success as June in *Blue Jeans*, figured. The article said that a young woman named Williams rose from a table with a glass of wine in her hand, dashed it into Miss Burt's face, and ran away. The *World's* explanation of the act is that F. W. Pitney, a New Yorker, had given a diamond pin to Miss Burt; that he had previously given the pin to Miss Williams; and that Miss Williams was incensed to see the ornament upon Miss Burt.

Said Miss Burt to a *Mirror* reporter: "I was attending a meeting of the Professional Woman's League when my attention was called to the story about me in the *World*. To say that it astonished me is to put it mildly. I was furthermore thrown almost into hysterics by it. It is slanderous, for the reason that it has not the slightest foundation in fact.

"Mr. Pitney is an acquaintance of mine. But he never gave me a diamond pin or anything else. I think the article in the *World* was inserted by an enemy of mine, but I can't imagine who the enemy is.

"It is outrageous that a paper should publish such a story about an actress without even making an effort to verify it. It is calculated to injure me seriously in and out of the profession."

Miss Burt left on Friday to play Andrey in Duncan B. Harrison's *al fresco* performance of *As You Like It*. She will return to New York next week, and if she finds that the *World* has not published a retraction, she will sue the paper for damages.

THE FAT MEN'S CLUB.

In taking J. C. Stewart's *The Fat Men's Club* on the road this season, Harry Semon finds he has a winner beyond his most sanguine anticipations. Mr. Semon is a clever business man, showing his foresight by placing his script in the hands of that clever producer, Harry Starr, who, with a few deft touches, has developed a tangible plot out of what was a mere skeleton and by the introduction of novel mechanical effects, concerted songs, medleys, dances and funny business has completely metamorphosed the piece. It was produced in its new form at the Holiday Street Theatre in Baltimore, and as a result of the week's business, Manager Rife says: "The performance exceeded my expectations in merit, cast and specialties. The popular expressions of our patrons will substantially verify my opinion. The week's business more than realized my expectations. In its present form I would not hesitate to book the attraction next season. It is a show that cannot fail to please and entertain the people." The company consists of Billy Rice, Harry Starr, Ada Melrose, May Duryea and Laura Bennett, all specially remembered for first-class work, and in addition there are the three Albion Brothers, in their acrobatic specialties; Mark Richards, juvenile and baritone; Will E. Nankeville, descriptive vocalist; Julia Semon and Ethel Danbury, songstresses; Theresa La Mar and Bessie Phillips, dancers; Charles Hart, impersonator; and a full contingent in the way of chorus and specialties.

BESSIE BONCHILL'S DEBUT.

Bessie Bonchill left the city last Sunday morning at nine o'clock for Lexington, Ky., where her stellar tour in the new musical comedy, *Playmates*, written by W. R. Seeley, begins on Friday evening, Sept. 2.

The company comprises some of the cleverest vaudeville artists in the profession, including Ward and Vokes, Seeley and West, Sig. Bonelli, Minnie Thurgate, and Estella Suits. In all there are over twenty persons on the stage. *Playmates* is a comedy that borders almost on comic opera, and gives Miss Bonchill excellent opportunities to display her wonderful versatility. All the scenery has been imported from England and is on a very spectacular scale. J. J. Rosenthal is manager, and Fitzgerald Murphy, the dramatist, attends to the interests in front of the house as business manager.

A THEATRICAL SURPRISE.

John Maguire, the old-time actor and Montana manager, was in the Sturtevant House on Sunday with Harry Williams, manager of Katie Emmett, and W. A. Edwards, manager of the *Romany Rye*, when Mr. Williams turned to Mr. Maguire and asked him on what terms he would return to the stage this season in support of Miss Emmett. Mr. Edwards laughed at the "joke," and Mr. Maguire replied:

Mr. Williams insisted that he could, and asked Mr. Maguire his terms, which were given. Mr. Williams, who appeared to be the only serious man in the party, soon excused himself and went up to his room, while the matter slipped out of Mr. Maguire's mind. But when Mr. Williams soon returned with contracts he had in the meantime drawn up, upon the terms stated, and requested an appointment on Monday morning for their signature, it was seen that he was in earnest.

Mr. Maguire signed the contracts yesterday, and will be leading support of Miss Emmett this season, joining the company in Denver. In the meantime he will return to Montana and adjust his business affairs, still retaining all of his Western theatrical interests. Mr. Maguire has not acted in fifteen years, but there is no doubt that he will renew his excellent reputation as a comedian.

HANLEY'S BACKERS DID NOT SUE.

A telegram from White Plains last week said action had been begun by William Drouillard and S. M. Stainbach against Lawrence Hanley and The Player company to recover \$5,000, money advanced by them to back Hanley's tour as a star.

Frank Maeder, Hanley's manager, said to a *Mirror* reporter: "Drouillard and Stainbach agreed to put up a certain sum of money, and they did so. They failed to put up the balance, however, and their contract with Mr. Hanley became void. They have both come to me and denied that they sanctioned the telegram. They are on the best of terms with Mr. Hanley."

William Drouillard said to a *Mirror* reporter: "The statement that Mr. Stainbach and I have sued Mr. Hanley is wrong. There is no trouble of any kind."

FLETCHER'S DRAMATIC SCHOOL.

Charles Leonard Fletcher's Dramatic School is the one and only perfect training school for the stage in New York. Mr. Fletcher's training is practical. His pupils appear in public in our best theatres while studying, for practice. Managers recognize their merit and constantly engage them for companies, paying them fairly good salaries. Mr. Fletcher gives his pupils honest criticism, and does not encourage them in their ambition unless they are capable of success. Write to him for his new circulars. His school is located in Dramatic *Mirror* building, adjoining Empire Theatre.

REPRESENTS LONDON MUSIC HALLS.

H. Newson Smith, chairman of the directors of the Pavilion, Oxford, Tivoli, Paragon, and Canterbury Music Halls—a syndicate representing \$500,000—arrived here on Sunday on the *Alaska*. He was accompanied by his secretary, Henry Tozer.

Mr. Smith proposes to establish a branch of his syndicate in New York, provided he can see his way to equaling in a new New York music hall the profits of the London music halls, which are enormous, paying from sixty to one hundred per cent. on their dividends.

Mr. Smith was met at the dock by Edmund Gerson, who is promoting the scheme.

HILL GETS HERRMANN'S.

J. M. Hill has taken the lease of Herrmann's Theatre from Nov. 6, with the privileges of keeping it six years. *Marie Tempest* in *The Algerians* will appear there on Nov. 6 for a month. Mr. Hill has not made any other bookings.

"Herrmann's will hold \$7,000 a week, and that's all I want," said Mr. Hill to a *Mirror* reporter. "I shall not change the name of the house. The *Algerians* is replete with delicate and graceful melody and by-play, and in a large theatre this would be lost. Herrmann's is just the theatre for it."

"I will make a jewel box out of the theatre, and will redecorate it."

GREAT CAST IN CHICAGO.

This is the cast that will act *As You Like It* at the World's Fair to-day (Tuesday): Orlando, Otis Skinner; Jaques, E. J. Hanley; Touchstone, Edward Lyons; Banished Duke, John Glendinning; Le Beau, Mason Mitchell; Oliver, John T. Sullivan; Mock Duke, James Cooper; Corin, Charles Haggart; Adam, F. L. Carhart; Charles the Wrestler, Sandow; Rosalind, Rose Coghlan; Celia, Adelaide Prince; Andrey, Laura Burt; Phoebe, Mand Haslam.

M. B. CURTIS ACQUITTED.

M. B. Curtis has been acquitted on his third trial for the murder of Policeman Grant, of San Francisco, two years ago. The jury was out two hours. When the verdict was rendered, Curtis was deeply affected,

and he warmly thanked the jury. On the first trial the jury disagreed. The second trial was ended by the death of a jurymen. Curtis' expenses during his trial are said to have been \$50,000.

JEFFERSON, ELAW AND ERLANGER.

Without any particular flourish of trumpets, this firm have been among the busiest of the busy men in New York the past Summer. What with their Exchange, the numerous theatres they personally manage, and those they represent, and their own traveling attractions, they have had their hands full. Among the shows contracted for and which they will play at their theatre in New Orleans, and in their other Southern cities are Rose and Charles Coghlan, all of Charles Frohman's best attractions, *A Trip to China*, Marie Wainwright, Annie Pixley, Roland Reed, Clara Morris, Henry Dixey, The Old Homestead, the Kendals, Lillian Lewis, Tuxedo, The Black Crook, The Soudan, Warde-James, Salvini, Joseph Jefferson, Bessie Bonchill, The Little Tycoon, Donnelly and Grand, Daniel Sullivan, Aunt Bridget's Baby, McCarthy's Mishaps, Superba, Wicked City, A Railroad Ticket, The Still Alarm, McKenna's Flirtation, Field's Minstrels, A Straight Tip, The Prodigal Father, The Dazzler, Spider and Fly, John T. Kelly, N. S. Wood, The Stowaway, The Scout, Baker Opera company, Fanny Rice, Urania, The Lost Paradise, The Masked Ball, The Senator, Manola-Mason, Jane, Edie Elsie, Craigen-Paulding, Patti Rosa, R. E. Graham, etc. The South will certainly have no ground for complaint as the above list embraces almost every line of attractions and is said to be the most varied in extent and variety that has ever visited the Southern cities.

THE UNION SQUARE.

The renovation of the stage and dressing-rooms of the Union Square Theatre is one of the radical and long-needed improvements to that house. B. F. Keith, the new lessee of the Union Square, is noted for the attention he pays to the comfort of his actors, and his other theatres in Boston, Providence and Philadelphia are well known for their dressing-room conveniences. Considerable money has been spent by Mr. Keith in his renovation of the Union Square, and among the improvements behind the footlights are nearly a dozen new dressing-rooms, while the former ones have been newly painted, furnished and lighted. It is now stated that this theatre will not open until Sep. 11. General Manager Albee says the delay of a week was made necessary by the extensiveness of the improvements, which from a small matter as at first planned have grown into a virtual reconstruction of the theatre. "We want to start in handsome shape," says Mr. Albee, "and have the house in keeping with Mr. Keith's other theatres. The new iron and glass front, which will extend to the third story and have a picturesque aspect with its numerous electric lights, will add brilliancy to the Square, but it is so elaborate that it will take more time for its construction than we had at first planned. But I am confident that the result will surprise and please New Yorkers."

HERRMANN'S LOSES MANSFIELD.

Richard Mansfield ended his cruise on his yacht *Her Royal Highness* last week and went with his wife, Beatrice Cameron, to the Victoria Hotel. He will remain there until the second week in September, when his tour will begin at the theatre of his former manager, Augustus Hartz, in Cleveland.

"I have accepted several new plays," said Mr. Mansfield to a *Mirror* reporter, and I shall rehearse some one of them when my tour begins. But just when and where I shall make another production, I am yet unable to say. I shall act my usual repertoire for some time to come."

"It is likely, is it not, that during your engagement at Herrmann's Theatre, beginning Oct. 9, you will appear in a new character?"

"That will never be, for the simple reason that I shall not play at Herrmann's in spite of the theatre's announcements to that effect. I have, of course, nothing against the place. I shall appear, however, this season at some New York theatre, and I presume that the engagement will be before the new year."

Mr. Mansfield's company will have several new members. He will announce their names later.

A PROFITABLE DEAL.

H. R. Jacobs informs *The Mirror* that he has disposed of his interests in the Bijou Theatre, now nearing completion in Brooklyn, to Gurlick and Bennett, of Pittsburg, receiving therefor a bonus of \$10,000. The theatre will be conducted by Gurlick, Bennett and Harry C. Kennedy, the latter having been previously interested in the venture with Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs says his expenses, all told, in the deal approximated two dollars, and this included car and ferrage fares and one luncheon. In the face of the output and return it was a most profitable investment for Mr. Jacobs.

MATTERS OF FACT.

Marcus Moriarty, a clever character actor, has not signed for next season. He can be addressed care of agents.

Ren Hendricks, who for the past two seasons has starred in Ole Olson, has left that play, and having failed to find a suitable successor to it is open for engagement.

Annie Myers, who is at liberty, can be addressed through her agents, Marks and Norman.

Grace Sherwood, who scored a distinct hit in the title role of the road company playing *Jane*, is at liberty.

By the World Forgotten, Havin's Theatre, Cincinnati, O., Aug. 27, week. Hagan Opera House, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 3, week.

Harold Grahame, last season leading heavy with James H. Wallick's *Handit King* company, has signed with Ulbe Akerstrom.

Florine Arnold-Andrews has returned from Nantucket, where she has been spending the Summer. She has not signed for the season.

Dorothy Morton, a clever singing soprano, who has played with the Baker, Wilbur, and Isle of Champagne Opera companies, and who impersonated Fatima in Henderson's *extravaganza*, has not yet signed.

Wall S. Rising is at liberty for the coming season, and is considering several offers.

E. R. Spencer, who has postponed his starring tour with Charles B. Hanford until '04-05, is at liberty. He received excellent press notices as Mr. Hanford's leading support in his recent tour.

James V. Cooke, the well-known advance and press agent, who, for the past ten years has represented such prominent stars and combinations as Mme. Modjeska, Mlle. Rhea, Abbott Opera, McCull Opera, Hoyt and Thomas' attractions, is open for engagement. Prior to Mr. Cooke's connection with the attractions named, he was known in the West as a newspaper man of varied experience, having been connected with the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Kansas City Times*, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* and the *Indianapolis Press*.

The new Opera House at Hastings, Pa., managed by W. C. Shaffer, will open Sept. 2, for which date a good comedy company is desired which shall also play on Labor Day. The house has a seating capacity of 1,000.

J. W. T. Weaver, formerly known as Edgar Weir, is back in town. He has begun rehearsals with Richard Mansfield.

Pawtucket, R. I., is one of the best one-night stands in New England. The Music Hall which is furnished with all modern improvements seats over 1,000. Lawrence Manning is the manager of the house.

Guy Lindley has been re-engaged to support Mme. Modjeska the coming season.

The Youthful Tint Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of the C. D. Hess grease paints, which are quite popular among professionals, have established a New York office at 1150 Broadway with Henry C. Brown as representative.

OBITUARY.

Frederick Burgess died recently at Burgess Hall, Finchley, England, aged sixty-six years, from congestion of the lungs. Before becoming agent for the *Christie Minstrels* in London, early in the sixties, Mr. Burgess had been connected with amusement enterprises in this country and England. He was for many years one of the proprietors of *Hans and Burgess' Minstrels* in the English capital. He was twice married, his first wife being a singer at the Italian Opera, and his second, who survives him, was a niece of John Billington. In his home Mr. Burgess collected the best and rarest first editions, and the finest etchings and prints. It is said that he possessed the most complete library of theatrical books and prints in the world, and that it is estimated to fetch from £15,000 to £20,000.

Charlotte Leclerc (Mrs. John Nelson) died in London recently after a long illness. The deceased came of a theatrical family, and made her debut as a member of Charles Keen's company. She was long accounted one of the beauties of the English stage. She is remembered for her work in this country. Her greatest fame came when she was in several of Peckler's productions at the London Lyceum and Adelphi. For several years before her death she had been engaged in training aspirants for the stage.

John F. Ballantyne, for years a well-known newspaper man in Chicago, died of peritonitis at St. Luke's Hospital in that city on Aug. 16, and was buried on Sunday. He was on the *Herald* and *News*, and at his death was connected with the South Sea Island exhibit in Midway Plaisance. His widow is a sister of Eugene Field, the poet, and he was well-known in the profession.

Joseph E. Sagie, formerly a well-known actor, died on Aug. 11, at St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, from dropsy and consumption. His funeral was held last Wednesday from St. James' Catholic Cathedral in Brooklyn, and the body was interred in the Actors' Fund plot in Evergreen Cemetery.

William Clyde, last season an actor with One of the Bravest, and previously stage manager in several Southern theatres, died recently in Baltimore, of consumption. He leaves a widow and one child.

The mother of F. F. Proctor died suddenly of dropsy on Aug. 11, at Windsor, N. H. She was about seventy years old. Mr. Proctor left New York on Monday at midnight to attend the funeral.

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LOUISVILLE.

Clark and Williams in Our Married Men opened a week's engagement at the Bijou Aug. 21. The comedy is a pleasing one, and the co. presenting it capable. Attendance good.

Zeb is announced for week commencing at the New Buck 27 inclusive. Among those deserving of mention are Ritchie and Ritchie, Castlett and Hall, Hanson and Mack, and the six Pardo, gymnasts.

Har is well open in the near future, name of attraction not yet known. It is rumored that Manager Westman has resigned, but the rumor lacks confirmation.

Harry Dodge, who has been on the road for several seasons with minstrel co., is now cornetist in the Buckingham orchestra.

Daniel Quill, owner and manager of the Auditorium, is in Chicago viewing the wonders of the World's Fair.

Louisville's young musical composer, John M. Strawn, has scored another success with his latest song, "Love's Secret." He filed an engagement with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew last season, and will take a position on the stage again this season.

The Nautica has the best booking ever secured since controlled by the Bourliers, for the season. Among other good things may be mentioned Wilson Barrett, Robin Hood, Stuart Robson, James T. Powers, and Hermann.

George A. Beane, the member of Denman Thompson's co., who died so suddenly in Chicago, was buried here at the Riks had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The Hon. Henry Watterson, through the Southern Lecture Bureau, has arranged for an extended lecturing tour.

The Rev. William M. Finley's new Sunday paper, made its first appearance so, and created favorable comment. His dramatic department is decidedly readable. Editor Finley knows how to write entertainingly of things theatrical.

Douglas, who is to be associated with James Whitcomb Riley as a public reader, is in Chicago hobnobbing with the Maharajah.

The will of Dr. Hamilton Griffin was admitted to probate in the court here at 10. It was made in London in 1894, and disposed of considerable property.

The document, which was witnessed by United States Consul John C. Keen, makes no mention of Mary Anderson, the distinguished stepdaughter of Dr. Griffin.

The improvements at Macaulay's are completed and everything is in readiness for the season. The exterior of the house is hardly recognizable, the attractive annex adding much to the general effect. But it is inside the theatre proper where the most noticeable changes are. The walls and ceiling have been beautifully decorated, new chairs have replaced the old ones, new scenery has been added, and a beautiful new drop curtain has been painted. It is from the brush of Howard Tuttle, of Milwaukee. The subject is a pleasing bit of landscape, a reproduction of an actual scene in New England. Resident Manager Weadon, who has worked hard all summer superintending the improvements, is proud of the result. He has made many friends during his stay, and his personal popularity will doubtless have much to do with the success of the career of the house.

CHARLES D. CLARK.

DETROIT.

The great attraction in Detroit at present is Tony Pastor's new troupe. It is at Whitney's Opera House, doing a tremendous business. In addition to the perennial Tony himself, there is J. W. Kelly, Frank Bush, and a host of other equally good specialty artists. Teller's suggestion to Mr. Pastor that the next time he comes here he should play at the Auditorium, as his co. do not need the assistance of comic effects, and there is no reason why an immense hall could not be used as well as a theatre. The Auditorium will hold 4,000 people, and at fifty cents a head, I believe could be easily filled. The combination is the most popular of its kind on the coast, and would draw anywhere. On at The Palace of New York will be the attraction for a week.

At the Lyceum, Miles and Caldwell's so-called comedians, presented a new sketch called "An Actor's Holiday." The cast includes some excellent comedians, such as Frank McLean, Lew Brown, and others, who, however, are rather out of their element in work of this kind. The local papers without exception have stated the performances, although mildly to be sure. One paper believes that all the play needs is a new lot of actors, whereas another equally prominent paper believes the actors are all right in their several specialties, but need a new vehicle to display them in.

The New People's Theatre, Michigan Avenue and Twenty-third Street, is the latest candidate for popular favor, and is under the management of W. D. Robinson and C. D. Earnest, both of whom are known here. The opening performance was a play written by Henry Clemens, called "The Scout's Daughter," in which the author plays the leading part.

Joseph Natus, a Detroit boy, who has gained fame as a tenor singer in various minstrel troupes, more recently with Minnors and West, has signed to play at Hoyt's Brass Monkey.

Both Managers C. J. and E. C. Whitney left for New York on 21 to look after the interests of the Whittier-Whitney Opera Co. Lily Post for second parts is the latest acquisition to the co.

Morton Knapols and her husband, Jack Mason, are spending their vacation at Flint, this State, where Knapols's mother resides.

Lorraine, the play in which Maids Craig and Frederick Paulding were starred jointly in, is the work of Alice E. Fess, now a prominent writer for the New York press, and formerly of Detroit.

J. A. Lane, whose home is at Detroit, just opposite, has engaged with Manager Williamson for the support of his star, the younger Salvini.

Since Hanson has been rehearsing her co. in The Kentucky Girl at the Grand Opera House, her regular season opens at Cleveland on 22.

F. E. STRAUS.

MINNEAPOLIS.

At the Grand Opera House the Wilbur Opera Co., after an absence of two years, opened a week's engagement Aug. 21 in The Two Vagabonds to a fair-sized audience. The opera was given in the usual careful manner which characterizes this popular organization. Susie Kirwin was as vivacious as ever and made a decided hit. W. H. Kohle was very funny as Jacques Nup. E. A. Clark made a dignified and eminently satisfactory Robert Macaire. The chorus gave evidence of careful training. The Black Hussar, The Grand Duchess, Fra Diavolo, and The Merry War filled out the week.

The regular season at the Bijou Opera House opened with James A. Kelly and co. in A German Soldier. A good-sized audience enjoyed the specialties of the star, whose efforts to please were certainly not at all uncommensurate.

A. E. Lundquist, the great Swedish tenor-bass, opened an audience of 3,000 people attention of so at Exposition Hall. His numbers were enthusiastically applauded.

Manager J. P. Conklin, of the Grand, left for New York city, where he will complete his bookings for the season.

The Bijou Opera House has been renovated and redecorated and presents a handsome appearance.

F. C. CAMPBELL.

PROVIDENCE.

The Summer season is drawing to a close and the amusement lovers are beginning to think of the theatres. One by one our houses are opening, and in another week everything will be in full running order.

Manager Morrow, of the Providence, opened his preliminary season Aug. 21 with Tussled given for three evenings and Saturday matinee. The piece was well staged, and the entertainment pleasing. Attendance fair. A Temperance Town will open the regular season at this house 21.

The Nibbe Burlesque co., under the management of George W. Siddons, opened the eighth annual season at the Western 21, and played to good houses. Ida Siddons won applause for her serpentine dances, and the specialties were fair. Rice and Barton's Razzle Dazzle 21.

The attraction at Lothrop's Opera House 21-22 was the comedy-drama, Clouds, given by the stock co. with William De Sotter as Ralph Randall and Wand Nickerson as Pamela Gordon. The piece was put upon the stage in a careful manner and excellently acted. Most of the players were new to the patrons of this house and the cast comprised Charles Harringer, W. S. Perry, George H. Ricketts, Ben W. Reed, Fred Warren, Richard Hunt, Martha Conway, Viola Hancock, Nellie Hancock, Alice Warren, Mrs. Charles Peters and Helen V. Linds. Attendance large. Sid C. France in Marlow for Life 21-22.

Lothrop's Grand Opera House, Pawtucket, was opened for the season 21 and a large audience greeted Lola Pomeroy and co. in the comedy Nuptial Landing.

Dante W. Marshall, stage manager of Lothrop's Opera House, Pawtucket, is suffering from erysipelas affecting his right foot.

A defect in the roof of Lothrop's Opera House resulted in the theatre being flooded by water 21 to the extent that it was necessary to omit the matinee performance.

Manager W. B. Smith has decorated the front of the Grand Opera House, Pawtucket, in a manner that attracts much attention.

Lola Pomeroy has been breaking monetary records during her present tour of the Lothrop circuit.

Mrs. George H. Ricketts (Martha Conway) will come into a considerable fortune in November when she attains her majority.

During the action of the drama, Marked for Life, at Lothrop's Opera House, special acts, specialties will be introduced by the Holbrooks, the Fitzgibbons Family and William McCart.

J. J. Fenton, vocalist, has signed with the Fay Foster Burlesque co. for this season.

The Washburn Sisters and Polly Holmes closed their summer engagement at Harrington's Forest Theatre, Rocky Hill, Conn. 21. Miss Holmes is resting at her home in this city.

James A. Goodwin, of this city, has signed with the Craigan-Paulding co.

Ed. Hurst has been engaged by Abe Spitz as manager of his Slaves Days co. (colored). He contemplates a trip to Europe with the co., visiting London, London, London, and New York.

A new drop curtain will be seen at the Providence Opera House about the middle of September.

Painters are at work re-painting and brightening the beautiful front at B. F. Keith's Opera House which will open the season 21 with The Ensign.

It is rumored that E. F. Ryan will return to this city and again manage this house which he so successfully did for two years.

George Collier will take out a dramatic co. with Justin Page as star. The co. will be made up wholly from old members of Lothrop's Stock co., and will open at Woonsocket 21.

G. E. Hayden's Wild West show, which has been at Crescent Park this summer closed season 21. The show will be taken to the city of New York.

(Jim Kendall) will take his band and play for a week, then play the Pairs and afterwards tour the South and West. John Eaton (Cyclone John) will tour Northwest with another co., and John Carlisle (Wichita Jack) will take out a co. composed of new people.

HOWARD C. RIPLEY.

ST. PAUL.

The regular season at the Metropolitan Opera House was opened by E. S. Willard Aug. 21-22. A large, brilliant and representative audience filled the house and tendered to Mr. Willard an exceptionally warm greeting. Mr. Willard possesses a strong personality, a clear and sympathetic voice, enunciation distinct and free from all affectation.

His Cyrus Bismarck in The Middleman was an admirable portrayal throughout and won for him most hearty and well-merited recognition. Marie Burroughs as Mary Merriam plays the part in a sweet, winsome manner, sympathetic in voice and genuine in pathos.

Joseph Chandler, Royce Carleton and Jim Kidd as Joseph Chandler, Nannie Craddock and Nannie Bismarck, and F. H. Tyler as Jesse Page, played the roles in a natural and entertaining manner. Harry Kane did good work as Batty Todd. Return engagement of the Wilbur Opera Co. 21-22.

At Lothrop's Grand Opera House The Waits of New York was presented by a clever co. 21-22, opening to a good house and well-pleased audience. Florence Roberts as Willie Rufus, a New York boot-black, made a decided hit. Andrew Amann as Hans Schneiderkopf, Virginia Brar, Josephine Amann, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clifford, W. F. Grantner, and Conrad Cantner, were excellent in their respective roles. The fire scene was quite a realistic feature.

The Hysteria 21.

The Olympic Theatre reopened for the season 21 under the management of M. Alexander. Alexander and Allen's Black Crook Burlesque co. presented The Black Crook with an attractive cast 21-22, opening to good houses. Nora Allen was very pleasing and attractive as Bertranda. M. Alexander and J. B. Bells, George Sabers, Vic Burdison, Kurt Chase, George A. Bird, Phil Maher, and Max Nover well sustained their respective roles. Riley and Wood's Vaudeville co. 21-22.

Manager George S. Sedney and Treasurer W. S. Butterfield, of The Waits of New York co., are social gentlemen. W. S. Butterfield formerly held the position of treasurer for six years at the Grand Opera House, Columbia, Ohio. He is an energetic young man, and watches business closely.

Fred. Peel is in town looking after the interests of The Hysteria co.

John T. Forrester and Marie A. Selvia, formerly of the Globe Theatre, Boston, have been enjoying a few weeks' vacation in St. Paul.

Carrie Turner and Stage Director Harry Naim Maur, of Little's Stock co., are resting in St. Paul for a few weeks prior to leaving for New York to complete arrangements for Miss Turner's starring tour, as she has already signed contracts to that effect.

GEORGE H. COLEMAN.

INDIANAPOLIS.

The Park Theatre was packed Aug. 21, afternoon and night, with E. R. Kendall's A Pair of Kids as the bill. C. B. Hawkins, who now plays the Old Joe, is a clever comedian, and has surrounded himself by a fairly capable co., including Leppa and Fanny Delano and Carlotta, who made a distinct hit with a new dance. Just Landed, a funny comedy, with Perkins D. Fisher in the leading role, opened.

The Grand Opera House will reopen at with Cleveland's Minstrels.

The Empire Theatre will begin its season at with Harry Stetson's Afro-American Vaudeville co. George and John Dickson and families have returned from their summer vacation much benefited in health.

Great preparations are being made by the different theatres for the annual encampment of the G. A. R., which takes place here the first week in September.

GUSTAV RECKER.

BALTIMORE.

Harris' Academy of Music began on Aug. 21 its regular season under very favorable auspices. The theatre has been much improved in many respects. Besides being bright and beautiful, new exits have been added which contributed much to the convenience of its patrons. The attraction was a rollicking farce-comedy, McCarthy's Mishaps, with Barney Ferguson as McCarthy. The comedy proved enjoyable to the large audience present and with a little more rehearsal and judicious pruning will not doubt be a "go." In the cast are Marguerite Ferguson, Carrie Behr, Gertrude Fort, Bertha Waring, Zelma Hamilton, May Du Bois, Lillian Price, Harry Maxwell, John May, J. W. Wilson, Barney Reynolds, Charles Trisk, Edwin Merritt, and Richard Ferguson.

The experiment of producing grand opera at Summer prices has thus far proven successful at the Howard Auditorium. A co. has been gathered together by Manager Fort, which produced Faust on 21 in very good style. Of course, there are some hitches, but that is to be expected in a first presentation by a co. which has had little or no rehearsal, and many of the members of which never saw each other before. Signor Montenegro was in excellent voice and sang Faust with all his old-time vigor.

Mlle. Riva-Cummings, a prima donna from the Royal Opera House in Brussels, made a very acceptable Marguerite. Her voice is strong and flexible, and she evinced a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the part. Mlle. H. Von Doen-hoff, contralto from the Carl Rosa Opera co., as Siebel, and Bowman Baldwin as Wagners, were both very good, and the remainder of the cast and the chorus were all that could be expected.

Bartholomew's Equine Parades began a week's engagement at the Holiday Street Theatre. The horses have lost none of their cleverness since they were last seen here, but, on the contrary, have several new acts to astonish the children.

At Kernan's Monumental Theatre, The City Club and North in Burlesque and variety. The co. is a good one, and includes John Dillon, James Lowry, and Nellie Hanley. Fannie Everett, Ruby Marlow, Lew Hawkins, Joane Stewart, Flora Mitchell, Paul Allen, and the Videcks.

The four act sensational play, Fair Play, or, Two Clowns' Nights, in which, as King and James K. Keane are the leading roles, together with an olio bill, proved the attraction at the Front Street Theatre.

The Baltimore Casino, a new amusement enterprise, opened for the first time on last Saturday night. The Casino is situated at the extreme west end of Baltimore Street, and is in complete contrast to several lines of cable and electric cars. It is something on the order of Kew and Blal's, with a cheap admission. The programme included performances by a band of Arabs, songs, dances, etc.

WILLIAM J. O'NEILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The new season gained additional momentum last week by the opening of the new playhouse, and next week the National will be at it, being followed the week after by Albany's.

At the Bijou the past week The Midnight Alarm drew good-sized houses with some capable people in the cast, notably George R. Berrill, who made a thoroughly despicable villain as Siles Carrington. Louis Collins was a bright little sparkle, and sang and danced her self into the good graces of the audience.

At the Lyceum Helen Russell's English Sports played to large audiences, but the company doesn't compare as a whole to its predecessor of the week before. Miss Russell, however, is clever, pretty, and capable and makes up in great degree for the weak places in the rest of the company. Mr. Turner, her husband, is a "whole show in himself," as an auditor remarked. His rendition of the "Huckleberry song" was loudly applauded. After each performance Clara Beck with gave her aquatic exhibition in the summer garden adjacent.

Charles Frohman's Comedians open the regular season at the National next week with The other man, which is described as a comedy in three acts, adapted from the French by Frederic Bonnet. The cast will include Joseph Adolant, Thomas Burns, Herbert Standing, Harry Brown, Charles S. Abbe, William Lewis, J. C. Valentine, Joseph Adelman, R. B. Thomas, Joseph Humphreys, Thomas Harcus, William Lewis, Thomas Brown, Frank Adams, Hamilton, Lee Dittichson, Frank Adams, R. B. Morgan, Charles Slane, Henrietta Crossman, E. G. Morgan, Charles Slane, Henrietta Crossman, Margaret Robinson, Beverly Sitarsen, and Margaret Craven.

Another member of this co., also well liked in Washington, is Herbert Crossman, who made such a clever and funny first company. Mr. Crossman and who wrote on the first company. Mr. Crossman is given to a Washington journalist, the somewhat contradictory extract from Act I. of that play: "A man may be a genius and have no intelligence whatever."

Miss Crossman is pleasantly remembered by Washington playgoers for her clever work in past plays presented here by Mr. Frohman. She is a very promising artist and is capable of even better work than she has already accomplished.

At the Bijou next week McCarthy's Mishaps will be given with a number of Washington favorites in the cast.

At the Lyceum the next attraction will be Tom R. Mear's City Club, which includes the shapely and tautest Fannie Everett, who is an established favorite with the patrons of vaudeville entertainments here. Next week Clara Beck with plays her last engagement at the Lyceum.

Ridge Walker, who for seven years has been Mr. Kernan's "right hand," terminates his connection with the Lyceum on Sept. 21 and accepts an engagement as press agent at the "Jack's" Eighty Street Theatre in Philadelphia. Mr. Walker has been a faithful and popular "box-office man," and to side being popular with the "player folk," he is well known and well liked in newspaper circles. He has for some time past been dramatic editor of the Washington Post, which connection he will relinquish next week.

An out-dog performance of A. Von Like is shortly to be given here by Charles B. Hanford and co., under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, who will further the expense of the entertainment. The music for the occasion is to be under the direction of Fred N. Dushane Cloward, who has given to considerable local musical prominence within the past year. The play is to be presented in a thickly wooded grove, described as being exceedingly picturesque and located near the residence of Mrs. John A. Logan and Fred Berger.

It is stated here that Robert Downing has expended \$20,000 for new costumes, and a large amount besides, in new scenery and effects. His forthcoming season is, therefore, to be more elaborately provided for than has ever been the case here before. On 21 he co. begin rehearsals at the new theatre at Hampton, Va., preparatory to opening the season.

on Sept. 2. He will make a three weeks' tour through the South, and afterwards visit the North and East, Canada and the West, possibly extending his tour as far as the Pacific Coast. His country place, Edgemore, is a thing of beauty, and a joy forever to Mr. Downing and his beautiful and accomplished wife. He has developed quite a fondness for flowers, and his most recent fad is the planting of what he proposes to call a "Shakespeare garden," devoting an acre or more to the cultivation of only those flowers that are mentioned in Shakespeare's plays.

It is understood here that Wilton Larkins, of this city, has signed with A. W. Palmer for an indefinite period.

What good attractions like Grant Parrish placed on the board of the new theatre at River View had a strong quality of a high order, was abundantly attested last week by the remarkable falling off in the crowds that during the week previous had poured themselves into that popular riverside resort.

In the same token it was interesting to note the simultaneous increase in the attendance at Bette's Park, where the bright little Pavilion theatre at that suburban resort echoed with the music of Madame Hollier's soprano voice, aided by the Edgewood Quartet.

Bertha Macdonald is resting at her home in this city before going to New York to join the Tavori musical opera co., which commences rehearsing in that city Sept. 10. This co. will open as usual in September, N. Y. city, and will tour twenty-six weeks, playing at Albany in December.

EDWARD ARTHUR.

DENVER.

The Drew engagement coming as it did right after the Frohman sack at the Taber, was greeted by the latter, though business was not so good as the audiences were immensely pleased with the performance of The Rivals. It was as good as could be without Mr. Jefferson. Mrs. Drew's Mrs. Malaprop was the same delight as ever. She had excellent support in McKee Rankin, and Charles Eria Verne especially. The week ended 21.

The co. at Elitch's presented a new week of 21-22 without drama. Necessity in the cast. It can be no longer called "Necessity" for reasons given below. They have a hard time to meet expenses over there. A receiver is in charge who will try to meet current bills, and if he fails, I suppose the place will close up. Such claims will certainly have to wait. The garden are looking over their heads, and have kept up its reputation all through the winter.

Manhattan has lowered its price to ten cent admission. The co. did Durthy last week, patronage light.

The Taber is having a good list of attractions, and as there is no opposition they will probably make some money even with times as slow as they are. Confidence in the financial situation seems to be gradually being restored. Three of the suspended national banks have resumed. Everybody, however, is watching developments at Washington. It will go hard with us if something isn't done.

There has been trouble between the Elitch's Garden management and Frank Noyes, who tells me he is out over \$2,000 on the season. The money he was used to pay his actors out of his own pocket. Mr. Noyes, depending on what he could get out of the management for his compensation. These amounts kept growing less and less until he thought it was time to call a halt. It resulted in an open rupture. The co. have been prevailed upon by the directors to continue without Mr. Noyes, and no matter what the outcome, they can get back to New York as a new receipt held by Noyes for tickets East.

The dispute between the stage hands and the Taber management has not been settled. The manager says he will not take back the men who struck, because they had broken without notice, though he was willing to meet their proposition, that of reducing wages and keeping all hands, he says he is willing to employ unionists. The musicians connected with the theatre are very anxious that the trouble be settled, as they are liable to be drawn into it, being members of a union. Their leaders, Mr. Stark, would probably have a suit on at hand, were his men not drawn in, as his contract does not expire until Oct. 1. The house management claims it could get along without music, there being no opera bookings until the first of the year.

W. P. FRANKLIN.

MILWAUKEE.

Hands Across the Sea opened Aug. 21 to large attendance and business continued fair during the week. The principal members of the cast remain the same as last season. Henry Peterson is as villainous as his part permits, which is villainy in its darkest and most melodramatic phase. Maxa Charles as Jack Danley and Charles J. Lawrence as Tom Ross, were satisfactory in their parts. The scenery was appropriate although at times poorly handled.

The attendance at the Exposition Music Hall continues large and the attractions of the same excellent as previously noted. Richard Pittet and Adrian Anthon began their second engagement this season 21 and were enthusiastically received.

Charles Frohman's Lyceum Theatre co., including Herbert Kelley and Georgia Cavan, will open the regular season at the Davidson of an American Abroad. The engagement of twelve will undoubtedly be a success, for one as their fame has preceded them.

J. D. McManus has been appointed press agent at the Bijou and will attend to the wants of the advance agents and new paper men for this season.

R. T. McMANUS.

KANSAS CITY.

The Grand Opera House will open for the regular season Aug. 27 with The Soudan. It has never been seen here. Manager A. Judah, of the Grand, arrived home this week and reported a fine line of bookings secured.

The Lyceum Theatre House will reopen Sept. 1 with Reeves and Palmer Specialty co., and will cater to the popular price trade.

Kilpatrick, a bicycle trick performer, drew large audiences to Fairmount Park 21-22. One of his feats is to ride down a flight of steps 20 feet long, and starting from a height of 50 feet. The ride is terrific and dangerous.

Manager W. J. B. Ross, of the Auditorium, is ill at the Henrietta Hotel.

The Tabernacle Choir, numbering 200 voices from Salt Lake City, will give two concerts at the Auditorium 21.

FRANK B. WILCOX.

NEW ORLEANS.

Two weeks more and the season in New Orleans will be opened. There is a great deal of activity about the different theatres, and everything is being arranged for the opening.

The Grand Opera House will open Sept. 2 with Lydia Veneman-Titus in Cypri and Iolans.

The St. Charles Theatre opens a preliminary season on the same day with George A. Baker opera co. in repertoire.

The Academy of Music will not be completed until Oct. 2, when the Coghlan will present Olympia.

The French Opera House will open its season of opera in the latter part of October.

Colonel Charles Cagney, manager of the St.

LADIES If you wish an exquisite example of a superb gift, and something you can't be without, get your hands on this

Bromo-Argenic French Complexion Waters:

This harmless, absolutely safe, and powerful treatment requires only a few bottles, and is guaranteed to cure all eruptions, pimples, blotches, redness of cheeks, freckles, sallowness, or "Ruddy" skin. It renders the plainest face positively beautiful.

FOLDER CHEMICAL CO., DULUTH, MINN.

the dancing is good. The Walls of New York is in a crowded gallery and upper part of the house while below was fairly well filled. The play pleased the bulk of the audience and nearly every act ended

with an encor from "the gods." The co. is only a passable one; the best of the work was done by Miss Roberts and Mr. Cautzer. The Masked Ball 25; E. S. Willard 28-30.—**NEWS:** Henry W. Eastman's chery face is seen no longer at the Temple box office. Mr. Eastman has gone to Eau Claire and L.

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his opera notice there. "We've got him on the list. He surely will be missed." Colonel Condon has the best list of attractions, by all odds, that has ever been made for a Northwestern town, outside, of course, of the Twin Cities, and he is much to be commended for his progressiveness.

opera, Africa, 18, 19 to crowded houses. The entertainment is totally different from Tuxedo, their last season's success. As usual, John A. Coleman remains the bright particular light of the co. City Directory 24; Danger Signal 18, 20. — FAMILY THEATRE: Milton Nobles in The Phoenix to packed houses 11-12. Gus Hill's Nautch at 11-12.

ROCHESTER—COOK OPERA HOUSE (H. F. Jacobs, manager): The Roman's Rye was presented during the week ending Aug. 2 before fine audiences. The play was well staged, and the co. very creditable. Frank Losee, in his conception of the role of Jack Hearn, made a decided hit.

Struggle of Life s8-2.—ACADEMY (H. K. Jacobs, manager): A capable co. appeared week ending 25 in The Slaves of a City to large business. The Rambler from Clare s8 2.—MUSEE THEATRE (M. S. Robinson, manager). Regular Fall and Winter season opened 25. General vaudeville entertain-

ment—GOSPIR: Manager H. R. Jacobs was in town last week, and was highly elated with the auspicious openings of the Cook and Academy. The local interests of Mr. Jacobs are supervised by genial Jesse Burns, who thoroughly understands the desires of his patrons, and leaves nothing unaccomplished for their comfort. The Academy is

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HOENELLSVILLE - SHATTUCK OTHER H...
A. Gaudin, president. The school was at the

new Shattuck occurred Aug. 21, when the Baker Opera Co. began a three-nights' engagement. The Beggar Student was rendered, and found much favor with the large and ultra-fashionable audience assembled. The co. is one of unusual excellence, and Manager Goswold has reason to congratulate

himself upon the auspicious opening of his beautiful theatre. The clever dancing of Miss Baker brought forth a storm of applause, and William Wolf's topical song made a tremendous hit. Another enjoyable feature of the occasion was the presence of Prof. Merriman's full orchestra, who furnished

the music under the direction of William Robinson the Baker Opera Co.'s musical director. The Beggar Student will be followed by Falke and Sam Pasha, with Chimes of Normandy at Wednesday matinee. — ITEMS: Aug. 21, 1873, twenty years ago the Stratford Opera House was opened for the first time. It is said that the three nights' entertainment

at that time, netted Dr. Shattuck, the founder, \$2,000, and I heartily wish that the present management may net Mr. Owsoski twice that amount for of the old Shattuck but little remains but the walls. The magic talisman—gold—has worked wonders, and to-day Hornellsville proudly boasts

SARATOGA SPRINGS—TOWN HALL (J. M. Puchner and Co., managers): "A Cosmorama of America."

Cartlett, Aug. 28.

the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. was a social and pecuniary success. Gus Hill's "World of Novelties" is a good business. The club swinging of Gus Hill, Dan McAvoy and Jessie May's art both deserve special mention. — PUTNAM MUSE: HALL: (J. E. Smith, manager). Dark. — CONGRESS: Spain. Packer. Black Path was again crowded by

large audience. She was billed to sing at 10, but owing to continued heavy rain storms, the concert was indefinitely postponed. — **HOTEL TODD SUMNER GARDEN** (Dr. E. Kirkpatrick, manager): Business continues big. Marie Mather, prima donna soprano, late of Calumore's Band, New York, is here.

see Europe for \$150." Champion James J. Corbett spent 12, 14 in town as the guest of Hon. Edward Kearney, Jr., of New York.—H. I. Ellis, in advance of Mora, the Comedy Sunbeam, is in town. Mora

ther and wife are spending the month of August here.—Herr John Lerner, leader of the Grand Union orchestra, was tendered a benefit in the form of a concert 19. The following artists assisted to orchestra: Emil Fisher, of New York, bass; Karl Lindsten, the Swedish soprano; and Victor Herbert

'cello soloist. There were a large number present—Rose Coghlan and husband, John T. Sullivan, as at the Grand Union.—The demand for THE DOMESTIC MISSION was so great this last week that on Wednesday afternoon not a copy could be purchased in town.

PORT JEVIS — Lea's Opera House (George Lea, manager): Hippophreys' Comedians opened the season Aug. 21, at a small business. James Corbett in Gentleman Jack 21; large audience. —
ITEMS: Manager George Lea, of this place, has secured the lease of the People's Theatre of Wilmington, Del., and will present the same, during the

resident agent. Mr. Lee has now three houses under his control—George Lee, the veteran manager of the Opera House, has again obtained the lease of the Theatre Normandie. A small army of painters, upholsterers and carpenters have been busy at the Opera House, and the termination of

UTICA—Opera House (H. E. Day, manager) Primrose and West's Minstrels opened their season as well as that of the Opera House, Aug. 20, before

an audience of 2,000 people. S. K. G. was at a premium before eight o'clock, while many were turned away unable to gain admission. The floor setting of the first part was very beautiful, the singing good, the costumes elegant, and the general performance up to the usual standard of this capital organization. The company is a fine institution.

ment in Amusement Hall at the State Hospital by
five 500 patients on 23. — ITEM; During the Sum-
mer Manager Day has, at great expense, made
many valuable improvements to the Opera House.
Having been thoroughly renovated and cleaned
with a fresh coat of paint, new scenery and elec-

lights, it looks more brilliant than ever. The bookings are many and the best the market affords — **MUSIC HALL:** Reno and Ford's Comedy co. presented Joshua Simpkins a before a fair sized audience.

and Kreis, managers): George Thatcher and an excellent co. presented the new extravaganza, Africa, to a large audience Aug. 17. It is a worthy successor to Tusado. Johnstone Bennett, in her own comedy, Fanny, opens the regular season at Lewis & Milroy. H. K. Jacobs' com-

The Diamond Breaker

PLAYING THIS WEEK AT PEOPLE'S THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

Address **NEIL FLORENCE, Manager.**

RICHMOND.—**MOZART ACADEMY OF MUSIC**
(Thomas G. Leath, manager): Al. G. Field's Min-
strels Aug. 21 to a house packed from pit to dome,
over 2,500 people in the audience.

WASHINGTON.
TACOMA—THEATRE (John W. Hanna, manager):
Lost in London. Newton Beers' co., Aug. 26, 17: light
business.

WEST VIRGINIA.
WHEELING.—OPERA HOUSE (F. Riester, manager); T. W. Keene 2; Charles Dickson 6, 7.—
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Charles J. Feinler, manager); Bartholomew's Equine Paradox Aug. 30-31.
 Kendall 2-6.

CHARLESTON—BROWN OFFERS HOUSE (N. S. Smith, manager): Wilfred Clarke and Beaumont Bearnson, with the exception of a few light speeches, Little Buttery is a failure in plot and in light comedy. Smith does not show to advantage in light comedy. He is cast, though, in a suggestive and capable of much better work. Mr. Clarke is a hard worker, and being a young man, will have ample time to improve. The rest of the players in a very poor play. All the Field's Miners Aug. 28.

WEST SUPERIOR. — GRAND OPERA HOUSE (J.
Condon, manager). The regular season opened
yesterday with O'Dowd's Neighbors to a fair-sized
audience. The piece has well received. Warfs of
the west, pleased a large audience so — ITEMS
Condon has booked a large list of leading
travellers for his circuit and deserves no little
credit for his enterprise in the face of an uncertain
theatrical season. — Saca pluck merits success.
O'Dowd's Neighbors, a clone season at the Em-
pire Theatre, Chicago, closes season at the Em-
pire Theatre, Baltimore, under the management. Harry
Condon leaves the co. for another enterprise, at which
time he leaves the co. for another enterprise, at which

CHAMBERLAIN—**THURMAN** (J. T. Chamberland, m. k.): Their home is now inclosed in the New Madison, (m. k.), which comprises the houses at DuSuth and Rose, Minn., and West Superior, Minn. and the residence of T. Chamberland, all under the management of the resident manager in control of the Levee and Winona houses. The season will open next year this circuit in the Middleman & a week of one-night stands in this circuit is the entire circuit. They will be followed by E. Watts of New York; and the Hustler Kelly, the comedian, is in the city negotiating for the lease of the Park Theatre.

WILSON'S—The season opened Aug. 14 at the Waifs of New York. Very good performance to a full house. O'Dowd's neighbors at home.

EMMONS—**FULLER** OPERA HOUSE (E. M. Thorne, manager): Mark Murphy in O'Dowd's shoes Aug. 15 pleased a fairly good house.

WILSON'S—**WILSON'S** OPERA HOUSE (R. H. Scott, mgt.): Opened Aug. 16 by E. M. Thorne.

CANADA.
JOHN.—Opera House (A. O. Skinner, man-
ager). Vernona, barbers.

Aug. 14 for a week in Starlight. So far season has been excellent, and the co. gave entire season. Gus Plisky as the trap made a hit. **THEATRE ROYAL** (A. J. First, manager): The Tucker repertoire co. Aug. 14 to 19; good. **AS A SHED OF MUSIC** (J. H. White, manager): Leopold Godowsky will give a piano recital. **THEATRE ROYAL** (Sparrow and A. V. Pearson as managers): The Edison opened by the co. Aug. 14 to 19.

Even standing room was at a premium. The drama belongs to the realistic school, and a real patrol wagon and two white horses were through the anarchist riots in Chicago. Adams deserves a special mention.

performance of the old darlings. Eddie is a Montreal boy, is with the co. He is a Spatters, the new boy, and does a singing and dancing specialty. She is a singing and dancing specialty. She is a first-class programme, and is large and well-known. She is a first-class programme, and is large and well-known.

feature this week.—**LIASS:** The Queen's is to doors next week, and the Academy of the week after. Early in October the old Theatre is to be opened as a French opera. The management promise first-class

the Royal, and is also looking after the

...the Police Patrol 4-4—HAWK'S
...Connor, manager; The Zennone
...in their wonderful tests on the trapeze,
...forth sounds of applause on the trapeze,
...day act. The second part employs the
...balancing powers of W. Zennone, while
...through the air.—The

...the English
crowds. The show proved itself
resting, the drilling of the Life Guards
martial. The music by the Grenadier Band
fine.

...ALICE ALLEN (Pete Gorman, man-
...Alice Allen reappeared again this week.
...and well deserved applause after each se-
...A souvenir lithograph of Miss Allen, and
...song, "Nannie, My Darling," as sung by
...were distributed among the

...Wanda have been re-engaged, and ... performance. The famous Edina ... in a musical act of an essentially ... finished a first-class programme. ... would term it as nothing more than a ...

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"I am quite sure that I have discovered a gem in Mrs. Pendleton's *Four-in-Hand*, and am certain that my company will give a delightful performance of it. I am afraid that I will disregard a great many stage conventions in its treatment, for the reason that I shall give it with as truthful a resemblance to real life as possible. I have always disliked the idea, still fondly cling to by many of our best stars, that the principal actors should always be on view in the centre of the stage. Furthermore, I think that a bad view of an actor for several moments, even if he is a star, is not unwelcome to an audience. Again, I am not a believer in the elaborate entrances which authors are so fond of writing up for the leading man and the leading woman. The nearer to nature you get the more easily you will impress your audience. Madame Duse demonstrated this fact more clearly than we had ever known before. *Andros of The Four-in-Hand*.

The suspension of the *Dramatic News* leaves the New York edition alone in the field of dramatic journalism. It is a case of the survival of the fittest.



Dramatists are invited to send to The Mirror for publication in this column news items concerning themselves and their plays.

Miss E. D. Berry, THE MIRROR's accomplished correspondent at Rome, Italy, has nearly completed a play in five acts founded upon incidents in the early life of Queen Juana of Spain. Miss Berry's play ends with the death of Philip, a point at which a French piece based upon the same central character, begins. Miss Berry will herself make Italian and French versions of her play.

H. H. Morell and Frederick Monillot are the authors of The Dark Continent, or Hypnotism and Crime, the piece in which Oliver Byron appeared at Hayin's Theatre, Chicago, recently. The piece was originally brought out at Plymouth, Eng., on Feb. 29, 1912.

Laura Harmon, who wrote Little Princess, is at work on a new play at Marville, Mo. The play is to be called The Black Hand, and will be produced by the Wheaton Comedy company.

Across the Trail is the title of a new drama of the Western type that Frank A. Miller intends to present this season.

Prince Pro Tem tells the struggles of Thomas Tompkins, a collector of freaks from New Jersey, who assumes the sovereignty of Foggia while the ruler enjoys a vacation.

Henry Pettitt and Sir Augustus Harris are at work at Brighton, England, on a new drama with which the Drury Lane Theatre, London, is to be opened early next month. There will be sixteen scenes in the piece, some of which are said to afford opportunities for effective scenic display.

The new play by Henry Arthur Jones that is to be brought out at the Haymarket Theatre, London, in September, was suggested by Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," and is written in verse. One of the scenes is to present the Tabard Inn at Southwark.

Sydney Grundy's new play, Sowing the Wind, is a comedy of English life in the early part of the present century. The piece is to be produced at the Comedy Theatre, London, early in October.

An English adaptation by Fred. Horner of Feydeau and Desvallieres' *Champion de Malice* is to be brought out at the Court Theatre, London, in September.

A new comic opera entitled, Peterkin, is to be produced at the Royalty Theatre, London, on Sept. 4. The text is by Will Ladislaw and the music by L. Camerana.

Miss Malloy, of the Baltimore Sun, is writing the libretto of a nautical opera for which Elliott Woods, a composer well known in Washington, D. C., is to supply the music.

Signor Mascagni's new opera, William Radcliffe, will be brought out at Covent Garden next April.

Scott Marble and Harry St. Ormond have contracted with Annie Ward Tiffany to furnish her with a new comedy-drama, to be produced during the holidays. The title of the play is as yet a secret.

Ein Nachtlager Corvins is the name of a new play that is about to be produced at the Vienna Burg Theatre. The author is the well-known Austrian dramatist, Franz Niszel, who died last month in Styria. His best known drama is Die Zandern am Stein.

HANFORD POSTPONES HIS TOUR

Charles B. Hanford, who toured the country last season with the Booth-Barrett scenic production of Julius Caesar, has issued the following card to the managers of theatres holding time for him. Mr. Hanford is not pleased with the outlook for the season, and as will be seen elsewhere in this Mirror is at liberty for regular or special engagements.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17, 1914.

Thinking it my duty to...
Owing to the sweeping effects of the existing financial depression upon every branch of business, and every industry of the country, and the great uncertainty in consequence thereof for the success of theatrical enterprises during the coming season, I have decided to postpone my starting tour until the season of 1915.
I have arrived at this determination only after the most careful deliberation, believing that the course reached upon will be best for myself and every one concerned.
I do not care to hazard my future hope of recognized success by inviting financial failure, and believe that existing conditions do not warrant me in expecting financial success for any theatrical enterprise engaged in properly presenting the Shakespearean drama.
Under these circumstances I have deemed it best to at once notify managers with whom I have booked to cancel my time and to convey my thanks to them for the courtesies they have shown me.
I will be glad if these holding contracts with me will kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter. I am very respectfully,
CHARLES B. HANFORD.

THE FUND PROJECT.

Since the Actors' Fund trustees have endorsed the plan proposed by Louis Aldrich to maintain the income of that great charity by taxing benefits, the scheme has apparently met the unqualified approval of the great mass of the profession, who at once recognize its justice and its adequacy. Managers as well as actors who understand the scope of the plans endorse it with enthusiasm.

The only objection worthy of the least attention urged against the plan was that in exceptional cases of charity it might be deemed injudicious to exact the percentage for the Fund; and this has been perfectly met by the provision inserted in the pledge giving the trustees of the Fund power, in their discretion, to waive the usual moiety.

Heartily as the plan has been endorsed, it is not probable that the profession fully realizes the admirable possibilities of its working. Those of the profession who have for years served at benefits whose object had no legitimate appeal to them will now heartily lend their services, because they know that their own fund—under whose beneficent care they may themselves some time be placed—will reap a part of the benefit.

Combination managers have thus far endorsed the scheme with an interest that will increase when they fully understand its advantage to them. The natural result will be to decrease the number of benefits and confine them to the more legitimate objects. And under present conditions the benefit bears with peculiar hardship upon the combination manager, for he is frequently constrained to lend his company to the service of objects in which he has absolutely no interest; to the injury of his regular business on all other nights of an engagement. When he realizes that of the fewer benefits he will now be called upon to be concerned in a percentage of the sums realized will go to the Actors' Fund, thus absolving him from other obligation to the charity of his own profession at the same time, he will see the desirability of insisting for himself and for his actors upon a strict adherence to the plan of percentage except in the cases that will call for the relinquishment on interest by the trustees of the Actors' Fund. And the stand taken by such other managers as A. M. Palmer and Charles Frohman in favor of the plan ought to indicate to any who may doubt its expediency that it is a most desirable thing.

Signed letters by actors are coming into the office of the Fund in large numbers. The first one received was written on the pledge cut from THE MIRROR by that sterling old actor, R. F. McClannan, who is enthusiastic in his support of the scheme.

The following is the pledge, and it should receive the signature of every member of the profession.

I, _____, hereby agree that I will not give my services, free of charge, for any benefit or entertainment in aid of any person, lodge, society, or club, or for any other object (except in case of national calamity or local public disaster unless the recipient of said benefit shall first agree to turn over 25 per cent of the profits thereof to the Actors' Fund of America, that is to say, 75 per cent of the profits of entertainments for which I volunteer my services shall go to the named beneficiaries of the same, while 25 per cent shall always go to the Actors' Fund, which I hold to be the broad charity of those who give their services in aid of all benefits free of charge. The Board of Trustees, representing the Actors' Fund, can, however, by vote waive their moiety of these benefit profits in cases of extraordinary theatrical charity.

Signed

MIRROR CALLERS

Among those that called at the Mirror office the past week were: Alexander Salvini, Madame Januschek, Frederic de Belleville, James Aldrich Libbey, W. D. Londour, Rose Eytinge, Arthur C. Aiston, Sam B. Villa, James Walter Kennedy, Gus P. Thomas, John Jack, George Knowles, H. Wayne Ellis, John P. Smith, John H. Holland, Ernest A. Elton, Charles J. Bell, Lionel Bland, Edmund Lawrence, Harry Lee, J. H. Gilmore, Agnes Lane, Mary Penfield, Charles B. Hanford, William Redmond, Nestor Lennon, J. A. Reed, Fred. Melville, George F. Farren, Charles Charters, Clarence T. Arper, A. W. F. MacCollin, J. D. Murphy, Edwin Bethel, Charles J. Burbridge, Hines and Remington, J. C. Cherry, Georgia Busby, Leonore Snyder, Florence Sherwood, Alma Strong, L. Maurice, Charles W. Butler, George W. Neville, Sam Thall, Eugene R. Sanger, Colonel T. Allston Brown, Helene Brooks Mestayer, Signor Le Bragelonne and J. K. Emmet.

THE DIAMOND BREAKER

Manager Neil Florence, of The Diamond Breaker, has shown himself to be one of the oldest young managers in the business by the vigorous manner in which he has pushed his production to the front. The Diamond Breaker played at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, Boston, last week, opening to nearly a thousand dollars and displaying the standing-room sign nightly. The Boston papers speak in the highest terms of the piece and say the company is the strongest organization playing melodrama that has been seen in that city in years. Special praise is given Etelka Wandell, the star of the company. The scenic and mechanical effects in The Diamond Breaker are very effective. Altogether it seems a sure thing that Manager Florence will reap a rich harvest this season.



Three character studies of Walter Perkins are pictured herewith. When Mr. Perkins was a member of Frohman's stock company, overtures were made to him to star in a new comedy, but Mr. Perkins prefers to originate a number of parts rather than to become identified with a single one. Of his Ishmael—above illustrated—the Boston Globe said:

"Walter Perkins as Ishmael, the cynic, was one of the most interesting characters in the piece. His portrayal of the bery southern, not overlooking his graceful Spanish dances with Miss Mitchell, was a striking incident of the play."



Of Mr. Perkins' Caddy in Erminie, the Boston Sunday Times said:

"A good share of the fun of the piece is furnished by Walter Perkins. A flexible voice, a mobile face, and nimble legs made the result of Mr. Perkins' efforts decidedly pleasing."



Such an authority as the New Orleans

Playhouse said of Mr. Perkins' character above illustrated:

"Mr. Walter Perkins deserves special mention for his impersonation of the negro. It is a delicate and artistic performance which can be appreciated here."

REFLECTIONS

Bessie Florence, Leon Williams, Val Presher, and William T. Smith have signed with Mullally Brothers and Tendick to support Robert E. Graham in After the Fall.

Arthur Seaton, Tellula Evans, and Clemantine Launey have been engaged to appear in comic opera at the Union Square Theatre.

Harry Nelson, Frederick Palmer, and Vincent Grahame have been engaged by the management of the Fountain Square Theatre, Cincinnati, to appear in light opera.

C. A. Bryde has been engaged for The Still Alarm.

The Justin Adams Opera company, a new organization, has signed Anna Erwin Jaynes.

J. M. Colville, for several seasons leading support to Clara Morris, has amicably severed his relation with that star, and will this season remain in New York for occasional work, as he desires rest. Mr. Colville, after some time spent at Atlantic City, has gone to the Ephrata Mountain Springs, Pa., whence he will soon return.

Litt and Davis have made a contract with the Pennsylvania Railroad to transport their six traveling companies in its territory.

Richard Mansfield will open his season at Herrmann's Theatre with Beat Brummell on Oct. 9.

Jay Hunt, the representative of Lothrop's Amusement circuit, was in town recently arranging for the production of new plays.

In the Black Crook production at the Boston, on Sept. 4, will be seen John Page as Creppo, Lida Dexter as Stalarta, Sadie MacDonald as Carline, as well as Nestor Lennon, S. E. Springer, Russell Hunting, George K. Rolison, Ella Craven, Ethel Ormonde, and Clara Bell. The solo dancers will be Zoe Tornaghi, Emilia Mavoroff and Marie Ricci, in addition to Umberto Salvaggi. Among the specialty features are the Heras, Fielding and Odell, and Page.

The Philadelphia Times of last Thursday said: "Miss Jean Voorhees has made quite a hit in The Irish Corporal, now running at the Chestnut Street Theatre, and gives promise of a brilliant future. She is a niece of Senator Voorhees. The play itself is a pretty story of the late war, of equal interest to those who wore either the blue or the gray."

"Jiff" Hall, our Chicago chronicler, says: "A certain local manager here made a social call on a certain star one evening last week at a certain theatre and the next day he was surprised to receive a note stating that if he wanted to steal attractions he might first go to the office and get the terms paid, so that he could but intelligently for the attraction desired. That is how carefully good stars are guarded here. And it was only a social call."

John Peachey, the English tenor, is in town. Towards the middle of September he will succeed Mark Smith as Columbus in 1492.

Charles E. Davies' spectacular Uncle Tom's Cabin opened in Mt. Clemens, Mich., on Saturday night, with Peter Jackson as Uncle Tom. "Parson" Davies himself appears both as the Auctioneer and as George Harris, while Joe Chynski essays the part of George Shelby. After a week of one-night stands through Ohio, the company opens the regular season at Cincinnati, O., on Sept. 5.

The heroine of In Old Kentucky, Litt and Davis' new play, rescues a horse from a burning stable, assumes a jockey's costume and rides the animal in a race of which he is unexpectedly the winner. Litt and Davis' production of Hawthorne's The Ensign, it is said, will play in fewer one-night stands than any attraction of its kind on the road.

The Ward-James company will begin rehearsals to-day at the Criterion Theatre, Brooklyn, in The Lion's Mouth, which will be produced at the Star Theatre on Sept. 11. Henry Gay Carleton, author of this play, was last week the guest of Mr. Ward at the latter's country seat in Sullivan County, where Mr. James, who with his wife recently returned from Kansas City, has also been entertained.

Daniel Sully has finished polishing his new play, Auld Lang Syne, and all who have heard it predict for him his greatest success in it. "Everything is in readiness for the opening of the season in Kingston, N. Y.," says Manager F. H. Wakefield. Mr. Sully is giving his entire company a two weeks' outing at Lake Hill, Ulster county, where his farm is located, and there they have been combining the business of rehearsing with the pleasure of rural life with such a host. Mr. Sully and Manager Wakefield have both recovered from their recent runaway accident.

Rose Eytinge, who will be a member of Julia Marlowe's company this season, has been quite as successful as usual with her stage pupils this Summer. Although Miss Eytinge never assumes the responsibility of a placing agent, definitely confining her work to instruction in stage art, she has placed two of her pupils in exceptionally good positions—one with Clara Morris and the other with Thomas W. Keene. The latter pupil is a very young woman of whom Miss Eytinge expects great things.

The New Rustable Theatre in Syracuse will be opened on Oct. 2. It was described and illustrated in the Syracuse Sunday Times of Aug. 13, and was pictured in a recent Mirror.

J. L. Saphoré, stage manager for Walker Whiteside, will play Polonius, the First Gravedigger, Joseph, Brabantio and Old Gotho.

By the World-Telegram, Havlin's Theatre, Cincinnati, O., Aug. 27, week. Hagan Opera House, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 3, week.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

CHICAGO.

"Mail" Staff's News, Entertaining, and Various Chronicle of Affairs in the City of Chicago.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Chicago, Aug. 28.

The wonderful business at the theatres still keeps up, and people are turned away from the down-town houses at nearly every performance. The daily paid attendance at the Fair now runs over 150,000, and there are more than enough people to go around among the "show shops." At the Auditorium America continues to do the banner business, drawing over \$35,000 per week in eight performances. Nat Goodwin is in his last week at Hooley's, and in Mizoura could stay here for many weeks were it not booked for your Fifth Avenue Theatre next Monday evening. Mabel Amber is here rehearsing Belle Archer's role, which she will play in New York. I saw her the other night, looking more radiant than ever, in a box at the Schiller with Fred Stanley and his wife. Emmett Corrigan has succeeded Frank Carley in the heavy part and plays it well.

The Schiller is enjoying continued prosperity with The Girl I Left Behind Me, which began its fourteenth week last night. James O. Barrows took Frank Mordaunt's place as General Kennion, and plays it artistically. Mr. Mordaunt retires for rest on account of ill health. The play has but two weeks more to run, and then the regular season of the house begins with the Coghians in Diplomacy and Peg Woffington.

Sam Meyers, who resigned from the Columbia staff, will retire Sept. 1 and has been engaged by Manager Charles Frohman to manage The Girl I Left Behind Me. There will be weeping and wailing among the girls whom he leaves behind him here when he goes. Gus Frohman, whom he succeeds, will go East to manage Lady Windermere's Fan, and Manager Will Davis will shoulder all of the work at the Columbia, where Lillian Russell continues in The Mountebanks to excellent business. Her engagement closes Sept. 2, and on Sept. 4 the company leaves on a special for New York city, leaving the Columbia in possession of Charles Frohman's Lyceum Theatre company in repertory. Miss Russell says she will not disclose her future plans before she reaches Gotham.

Horace McVicker is here. The peach crop of Missouri was not a failure, but he grew tired of farming and longed to return to "the road," so he will go to New York soon to plunge once more into management. He looks healthy and is as brown as one of Sam T. Jack's Creoles.

Genial Tom Prior's benefit at the Trocadero last Tuesday afternoon was a corker. Nat Goodwin, Lillian Russell, and other notables were there, and for them Sandow lifted everything but the roof. They did that with their applause. Max Godenrath, of the Schiller, Prior's old associate at the Chicago Opera House, sold tickets and gave back no change, and Tom realized a big purse. His broken leg is mending nicely. Business at the Trocadero continues large and its managers will make it a permanent music hall here. They will remain in Battery D until they can get a home of their own. Young Mr. Ziegfeld, the active manager, is now in your city looking after talent for the Winter.

Ali Baba has already outlived three "standing room" signs at the Chicago Opera House, and it could run on for months, but Siskind is in rehearsal and is booked for a revival Sept. 3. It is intimated that Ida Mülle will not be in the cast.

Fred Berger was unable to get the right people for a production of The Heir-at-Law and it will not be given by Sol Smith Russell during his present engagement at the Grand, where A Poor Relation is filling the theatre, and Peaceful Valley is ready for revival for the balance of the time.

Last Saturday evening I retired from the dramatic editorship of the Evening Post, and will devote my time to doing a line of special work for the same paper. My successor on the dramatic is John B. Livingstone, a gentleman from London, Eng., who, I am sure, will make many friends in the work. I shall keep in touch with my professional friends through THE DRAMATIC MIRROR and through my usual weekly story column.

My old friend "Alvin Joslin Davis" is here, taking in the Fair and stopping "under the roof of the Sherman." He divides his time between the Libby Glass Works and the electricity building and he can stand off either of them. I am told that one of the glassblowers in the Libby works (the same one who spun Eulalia's glass dress) is to blow Alvin a pair of cuff buttons.

Patti Rosa's season opens at the Haymarket on Sept. 3, when she will play a week for the benefit of the local letter carriers, presenting Dolly Varden and Little Miss Dale. It is also the opening of the house for the season and Manager George Fair is pulling up the stakes of his Summer camp at Twin Lakes preparing to go into the harness again. Miss Rosa's company will be stronger than ever. John D. Gilbert is her leading comedian. Her manager and husband, John W. Dunne, who is a resident of the fourth congressional district, has been urged by his friends to make the race for Congress next year, and is weighing the subject carefully. He will be elected if nominated. Senator Wilmot is urging his choice.

The *afresco* performance of As You Like It at Jackson Park to-morrow, Poet's Day, looks like a go. John Maguire, of the Montana circuit, will appear as Demetrius. I should much rather see him in "The Marble Heart," but if he is allowed to recite "The Charge of the Light Brigade" he will make a hit. Duncan B. Harrison's sporting blood has asserted itself in the arrangement of three bouts between Charles the Wrestler and Orlando.

best two in three. Henry Lee will appear as Shakespeare. There will be great goings-on. Thomas Burnside, an old Chicago newspaper and theatrical man who now treads the boulevards of gay Paris, is here to see the Fair and his old friends.

Alive to the exigencies of the troubled financial situation Manager Ben Leavitt, of the Windsor, is presenting A Barrel of Money this week and announces an early production of For a Million.

Beatrice Sturges, of The Mission staff, complimented me with a call the other day. She is enjoying herself at the Fair.

The attractions at the outside theatres this week are The Dark Continent at Haylin's; Tony Pastor and our own J. W. Kelly at the Clark Street Theatre; A Pretzel, at the new Empire; An Irishman's Love, at the Academy of Music; vaudeville at Sam T. Jack's Opera House; minstrelsy at Haverly's Casino-Eden Musee; Evan Lewis and vaudeville at the Grotto; Corinne in Hendrik Hudson at the Alhambra; vaudeville at the Isabella Theatre, and vaudeville at the Lyceum.

Denman Thompson is in his ninth week at McVicker's, and The Old Homestead is doing very well. The road company goes out Sept. 4.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West continues to coin money. Last week the entire corps of 300 West Point cadets, now at the Fair grounds, were entertained there.

Manager Anson Temple, of the Schiller, took a short fishing trip the other day, and his reputation for truth and veracity is not as high as it was.

John Drew passed through here the other day on his way North to open his season and Henry E. Abbey arrived Friday.

The Sunday edition of the Evening Post was suspended last week. It was a high-class Sunday paper, condensed, but the public evidently preferred to buy Sunday papers by the pound, hence the suspension. The Saturday paper will now be the feature of the week, with twelve pages.

Townsend Percy now has full charge of the Daily Sporting Gazette here, and seems bound to make a go of it.

Next Tuesday the annual outing of the Chicago Lodge of Elks occurs in the woods, and it will be a huge social session, with J. W. Kelly and other lions of the order. The other two John W's.—Dunne and White—are making the arrangements.

Last Saturday the Whitechapel Club gave its annual picnic. A big time was the result. George Francis Train recited a vestibuled poem, and prizes were given to the meanest man and for the best set of whiskers.

John E. McWade is expected here from St. Louis next week on his way to New York. His wife is still ill there and must remain at least a month.

Say, how about this financial stringency, anyhow? The advertising columns of last week's Mirror didn't look that way.

"BOY" HALL.

CLEVELAND.

Our brother's Minstrel Success at the Lyceum—Katie Emmett at the New Euclid Avenue.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Cleveland, Aug. 28.

The business done by Lew Dockstader's Minstrels at the Lyceum Theatre last week was large, the S. K. O. sign being displayed at the opening performance. The programme is a good one. The performance is given on the lines of genuine minstrelsy, and lacks variety features. Of the people, J. C. Harrington, George Powers and Blockson and Burns are deserving the most praise.

Katie Emmett opened at Jacobs' to-night in Con T. Murphy's Killarney to a fair house. The scenic effects introduced are beautiful, and the company, while inferior to last season, is fairly good. W. Andrew Mack, the sweet voiced tenor, is the strong card of the company.

I had a treat the other day in a visit to the new Euclid Avenue, by the courtesy of Mr. Hartz. It is one of the finest theatres in America.

The Star Theatre will open for the season Sept. 1 with the May Russell Burlesque company.

The Lyceum Theatre will open Sept. 4 for the regular season. The attraction was to have been The Actors' Holiday, but Manager Brady, who played the attraction at his Detroit and Toledo houses, found it so horribly bad that he refused to allow the party to play the Lyceum, hence the opening will take place with another attraction, but what it will be, I am unable as yet to state.

Lew Dockstader did not forget to introduce the sewers and paving stones in his discourse to the audience. If all the sewers in the city were in working order, and the streets properly paved, Lew's avocation would be gone.

M. J. Murphy is in the city.

Mr. Hartz has received some flattering letters from various professional people throughout the country, enclosing orders for seats and boxes for the opening performance at the Euclid Avenue, the tickets for which are to be disposed of at auction. Joseph Jefferson, W. H. Crane, Klaw and Erlanger, Lotta, Fanny Davenport, Richard Mansfield, Charles Frohman, I. B. Rich and Francis Wilson, each enclosed their cheque for \$200 for an orchestra chair, requesting that the same be sold again. Mr. Mansfield also subscribed \$25 for a gallery ticket.

Brady and Garwood have booked a fine line of attractions at their Lyceum Theatre, including Wade and James, Julia Marlowe, Mlle. Rhee, Thomas W. Keene, Robert Downing, Robert Mantell, The Fencing Master, Wang, Digby Bell Opera company, The Little Tycoon, Wilbur Opera company, The Knickerbockers, Friends, Roland Reed, Frank Daniels, Bessie Bonnell, Darkest Russia, Patent Applied For, Monte Carlo, Africa, The Dancer, Donnelly and Girard, The New South, Lawrence Hanley, and others.

Blockson and Burns will head their own minstrel show next season.

Lester Hoeman, a son of the Peppin Gum king of this city, has joined the American Dramatic company.

Kohl and Middleton's will open Sept. 4.

Fletcher Brady, Al Henriques' successor at the Lyceum, has arrived in the city. When he struck the theatre he was attired in boots and a paper collar. It is needless to say Fletcher is from Toledo.

W. M. GOODWIN.

BOSTON.

Current Attractions—A Wonderful Disappearance—Fay Templeton's Star under Manager Melton.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Boston, Aug. 28.

With a new dress the Globe opened for the season to-night. Lawrence J. Hanley in The Player is the attraction and because of its relations to David Garrick much interest is manifested in the production.

The Player is well done. Hanley made a good impression, showing considerable originality of treatment of old and standard parts and lines. The play itself was applauded.

The other real novelty opening at the Hub to-night is the Grand Opera House stock company in Frou-Frou. A splendid company has been gotten together for this production, headed by pretty and talented Sadie Martinot, and as the piece has been in rehearsal for some time it is pretty sure to make a splendid success.

The play was exceptionally well presented by the excellent company, the staging was notable and the house was large.

Steele Mackaye's romantic drama, Paul Kaurav, is at the Bowdoin Square this week and the title part is taken by H. Coulter Brinker. He is surrounded with a very good company of exceptionally clever people and judging from the way this piece has been received in Boston in the past, it will be a winner this year.

George Thatcher's Africa is a decided go and has drawn big houses all the past week. The papers have praised it to the skies and in point of novelty it is a wonder. This week is the last.

The Golden Wedding celebrates its hundredth performance to-night. Lizzie Evans is to appear for the first time in the part of Foxy to-night, and she has few rivals as a soubrette. Raymond Hitchcock also appears to-night in the cast for the first time.

It is with a bit of sorrow that I announce the last week of the Pauline Hall Opera company and Madame Favart at the Tremont. Never in anything she has ever done in this city has Pauline Hall been so attractive as in this lovely little bright and melodious opera of Offenbach.

At the Grand Museum is the stock company in Our Boarding House, and at the Howard, Muggs' Landing.

Theresa Newcomb in New Mexico is at the Palace Theatre this week, together with little Miss Columbia, the fancy and grotesque dancer.

The talk of last week in Boston theatrical circles was the sudden disappearance of Nelson A. Morkell, of the Globe Theatre. Not even yet has anything been heard of his whereabouts, and no reason assigned for his mysterious disappearance. The host of friends he had made in this city are much worked up over the affair.

Addison D. Crabtree of this city has written a five-act drama of the South which is to be produced soon. The title of it is Mosswood and the scene is laid in the Carolinas. Mr. Crabtree has already written some very clever comedy bits and this drama is said to be full of good things. Mr. Crabtree's daughter Inez, now in the Prince Pro Tem company, is to have the leading part when the piece is produced.

Fay Templeton is to head an opera troupe this coming year under the direction of George B. McLeilan, of the Pauline Hall Opera company. Several of that company are to be in the new enterprise and the two companies will keep Mr. McLeilan busy most of the time.

The first performance of Prince Pro Tem is to be given at the Taunton Theatre Sept. 1.

JAY B. BENTON.

CINCINNATI.

Several Openings to Good Minstrel Shows—Katie Emmett's Star at Jacobs'—Other Attractions.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Cincinnati, Aug. 28.

Manager Anderson evidently intends giving the patrons of the Fountain a first class entertainment, and judging from the excellent attendance yesterday to witness the opening of the season, the public is apparently disposed to appreciate his liberality. Groffe-Groffe was a raptively presented, and the attractive specialties of the Du Reil Brothers, and Harding and Ah Sid were well received. A change of bill will be made weekly.

The Limited Mail opened Heuck's season yesterday, the attendance being large and the audience demonstrative. The cast was a strong one. Little Beatrice scored an immediate hit. Next week, The Stowa ay.

Doré Davidson and Rame Austin appeared to advantage at Haylin's yesterday in their play, By the World Forgotten. Both artists are favorites in Cincinnati, and the reception accorded them was enthusiastic. Next attraction, Uncle Tom's Cabin with Peter Jackson as the star.

Gus Bruno in his old role of Knox Dunlap was the feature of We, U's & Co. at Harris' yesterday, and recalled memories of the days of Mestayer's Tourists very forcibly. The piece was staged in good style, the revolving hotel scene being especially noteworthy.

The second week of the People's season commenced yesterday with the Lady Gladiators as the attraction. The house was packed. The specialties of Corinne Dale, Lizzie Brantz and Nellie Gonzalez were especially well received. Next week the May Russell Burlesque company.

The Manola-Mason company is booked at the Walnut for week of Sept. 11.

Charley Zimmerman, one of the most efficient members of Manager Pennessy's staff, has been in Indianapolis looking after the affairs of the Empire.

The Bellstedt-Hallenberg Military Band returned from Chicago on Wednesday after several months' absence.

The season at Coney Island closed on Sunday. Harry Howard has been engaged as stage manager of the Fountain and William C. Smith will be the director of music at the same theatre.

Manager James E. Fennessy informed me on Friday that this is the first time in sixteen years that he has failed to pay New York a visit during the Summer.

Jaie Rosenthal was in the city on Thursday en route to Lexington, Ky.

N. D. Roberts, formerly of the Fountain, will manage Harris' Theatre this season, arrangements to that effect having been completed on Wednesday when Mrs. P. Harris and Fred Britton, lessees of the house, were in the city.

The final Summer night concert at the Zoo was given on Friday and Liberati and his band will be the attraction for several weeks.

Manager Rainforth will inaugurate the Grand's season next Thursday, presenting Al. G. Field's Minstrels as the attraction, followed Monday next for one week by Bartholomew's Equine Parados.

The season at the Walnut will begin next Monday evening.

JAMES McDONOUGH.

PITTSBURGH.

Production of an Old Kentucky at the Grand—Attractions at the Other Theatres.

(Special to The Mirror.)

Pittsburgh, Aug. 28.

The Grand Opera House opened to-night with A Straight Tip to a crowded house. Next week, Arthur Lloyd's English company.

At the Bijou a packed house applauded In Old Kentucky, for the first time produced on any stage. The play is well presented, and promises great success. The Limited Mail next week.

Sadie Hasson pleased large audiences, matinee and night, in A Kentucky Girl at the New Palace Theatre. Next week, Slaves of a City.

Harris' Theatre presented Lord Rooney to excellent houses, matinee and night. McCarthy's Mishaps next.

The May Russell company opened at the Academy to a packed house. Next week, the City Club Burlesque company.

Nelly Walters was here to join We, U's & Co., but refused to go with the company, and returned to New York 22.

Manager C. L. Davis, of the Alvin, has returned from the World's Fair. His season will open on Sept. 11. Russell L. Mitchell, a young newspaper man of this city, will be the Alvin's press agent.

A number of theatrical managers of the Northwest, at the invitation of Jacob Litt, and a party of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia newspaper men, with Thomas H. Davis, are here to see the first production of In Old Kentucky.

Business Manager J. M. Hyde, of the Alvin, has returned from his Summer vacation, at his home, near Delaware, O.

James Weeden will be advertiser at the Academy.

E. J. DONNELLY.

ST. LOUIS.

The Opening Theatre—Improvements—Engagements—Notes and News of the Profession.

(Special to The Mirror.)

St. Louis, Aug. 28.

After a week's rehearsal here the Marie Sanger company opened their season as well as the Standard's last Saturday night before a good audience. The bill was the burlesques Princess Pearl and Joan of Arc, by Arthur J. Lamb, with music by F. Ormond Carr. The costumes were very handsome, and the scenery and mechanical effects are carried by the company.

Havin's Theatre also opened Saturday night, as well as the season of the attraction, A. W. Fremont in his drama, 777. It is full of exciting events, and the cast includes many good actors.

Carroll Johnson opened at Pope's Theatre at yesterday's matinee, with The Irish Statesman. Mr. Johnson's work is artistic. He has a very clever company, and the opening audiences were large.

Uhrig's Cave closes to-night with a benefit to Musical Director Alexander Spencer of the Spencer Opera company.

The death of Musical Director Vogel of the Olympic Theatre during the Summer, necessitated the selection of a new one, and H. E. Benjamin, from Cincinnati, now wields the baton.

Mr. Adams, who has been a member of The Cave company goes with The Bostonians No. 2 company with his wife.

The Olympic Theatre will reopen Sept. 3 with The Sportsman.

The Grand Opera House remains closed two weeks longer and will open on Sept. 11 with Charles Dickson's company.

The Hagan will open on Sept. 3 with Doré Davidson and Rame Austin.

Havin's, during the Summer season has been newly fitted up. Tom Jones, its manager, is now very ill in Cincinnati. Will Jones came over a few days ago from Cincinnati, and has taken his brother's place as manager.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE.

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On the Street Plaza.

"I don't like to be bothered with dress-making after I've left town. It's a nuisance to come back to the city to be fitted two or three times. I have my Summer wardrobe complete by the first of June," said a very charming woman to her friends one afternoon last week.

"I don't agree with you altogether, except that it is annoying to leave one's country home to spend half a day in a dressmaker's stuffy apartments, but if you get all your clothes so early in the season you are apt to be ultra-fashionable, quite as grave a fault in the eyes of the refined woman as that of being behind the times in one's attire."

"Take this year for example. In April and May we were threatened with crinolines. Half the gowns made at that time had metallic wires in the skirt or were lined with heavy horsehair cloth and similar fabrics to give them fullness. But the Summer is upon us, and the latest news from Paris is that crinolines and similar abominations are not used by any of the really smart dressmakers and tailors abroad. The skirts are gored, to be sure, fitting closely over the hips and becoming quite full from the knees downward, but they are far more artistic than those we were told we would have to wear, last Spring. The wise woman buys material for her gowns whenever she sees anything pretty and moderate in price, but she does not have that material made up until the season is fairly well advanced and the eccentricities of early importations have been suppressed by the edicts of good taste, and have furnished forcible examples of the 'survival of the fittest.'"

"One must have a few things made in June, I suppose, but I have found it a good plan to wait until July before having my prettiest gowns made. Then I find that my dressmaker is no longer busy and she is always glad to spend a week in the country. She comes to my house with one sewing woman to help her. They begin work at nine o'clock and stop at five in the afternoon. Then they can wander outdoors, gather flowers, or amuse themselves as they please until their dinner is served. I find that they accomplish more than they would if I insisted upon their working from eight until six, the hours for which one engages a home dressmaker in the Winter."

"Then one afternoon in the week they do not work at all, but are free to follow their own devices. Whenever it is possible I arrange my plans so that the coachman can take them for a little drive. I pay the dressmaker two dollars a day; her assistant receives one dollar. They are given a pleasant room together, and I see that there are books and magazines on their table. As a rule, in spite of the short hours and the half holiday, they make four new dresses and do any amount of altering and repairing old gowns in one week's time."

"They enjoy their country life and give me no trouble at all so far as domestic arrangements are concerned. The women I employ eat with the servants. If they were not willing to do so, I should have their meals served in the dining-room after the family had left. Meals in the room where one's gowns are being made seem worse than out of place. I should always fancy that my silks and organdies were odorous of bread and butter, if my sewing women ate in the room where they worked."

"There's another advantage about my plan of waiting until July for my dressmaking. Silks, muslins and in fact all thin fabrics are much cheaper than they are earlier in the season."

"I buy one or two pieces of dress material in December. You know our shops have a funny way of displaying Summer goods directly after New Year's Day. But I am careful to select fabrics that are quiet in tone and that are sure to be in good taste at any time. I do not buy organdies in December, because they are far more expensive than in July and there is no danger that they will not be 'in stock' later, for such materials are always to be had in reliable shops. I do buy materials that are novel without being eccentric, things that will surely be sold long before Summer comes."

"For instance, two years ago I bought a Hindoo mull in January. It was simple and dainty, the ground was white, two tones of white, in fact, were used. There was a broad stripe of creamy white rather thick in quality, while the alternating stripe was equally broad, but the material was almost gauze-like and the white had more life in it. A faint pattern of trailing olive-hood leaves of microscopic size and tiny blue corn flowers gave the dress all the necessary color."

"Two months after I bought the fabric there was not a yard of it to be had anywhere."

"On the other hand, who has not bought India silk or flowered organdies in May, paying a dollar or fifty cents a yard, respectively, to have the pleasure of seeing the same fabrics sold in July at fifty cents a yard for the silk and twenty-five for the organdie?"

"After all," said the first speaker, "your advice amounts to this: buy early and buy late, but buy with brains as well as with money. Men think that we women have an easy time choosing our gowns, but they don't realize the wear and tear on one's mental equipment that is necessary if one desires to be beautiful, economical, fashionable, and attractive in one's frills and flounces."

"Speaking of flounces, said the actress who told me why so many women persist in widening their skirts with lace ruffles? I like lace, but if I can afford but a few yards of it, I put it all on the waist of my gown or else use one ruffle at the bottom of my skirt. Even the

great Worth himself has been guilty of placing a single lace ruffle half way up a skirt. It makes a short woman look still dumper, and on the tall and slender girl, such an arrangement gives one the idea that her gown originally ended at the ruffle, and that she has lengthened it with a piece of the dress goods."

"Felix agrees with you, my dear," said a the society woman; "and when the artist dressmakers disagree, common sense must decide."

"Does Felix detest the half-way ruffle, too? Then I shall patronize him when my ship comes in or when I am playing leads instead of acting the arduous roles now entrusted to me."

"What are you doing now?" asked a curious daughter of Eve.

"Anything and everything. Sometimes I am allowed to speak a piece, that is, I inform the star that there is a letter for her or that her lover awaits her in the drawing room—stage lover, I mean, of course. But, as a rule, I walk across the stage in majestic five-dollar-a-week silence as one of the gay and festive but speechless guests in a ball-room or banquet scene."

"Then why don't you patronize Felix now and make a hit with your gown as you can't with your acting?"

"What—Paris clothes on five dollars a week? Go to! But I do try to dress my 'thinking part' better than the average 'extra lady.'"

"I've no country house and no money for dressmakers, but I buy batiste in light colors at ten cents a yard and I spend my vacation time making gowns for Winter wear on the stage. The batiste is effective and I flatter myself I look much better than my companions who take what they can get from the wardrobe woman's rag-bag in the different theatres we visit. Batiste is soft and, at a distance, looks very well indeed. Twelve yards make a dress, for it is wide and I can have full sleeves and if desired fairly full skirts. There's a dollar-and-twenty cents gone, but I don't line my gowns. I have one good black silk underskirt and its duplicate in white. Last year, in a ball room scene I wore a ten cents a yard pink batiste. The skirt was very slightly gored and had a short train. There was one deep ruffle of the batiste around the bottom of the skirt and that had a heading of twisted pink and black ribbon (at eight cents a yard) from a bargain counter. The waist ended under the skirt, so I wore a bodice belt of black satin ribbon which I bought ready-made for a dollar-and-a-half. The sleeves were puffed, and they were high on the shoulders, for the 1830 styles don't suit me. Of course, as it was a ball gown, the sleeves were very short. I abhor straps, otherwise I need not have used as much batiste as I did but with my ideas of beauty and propriety I felt obliged to have the sleeves come at least two inches below the shoulder. The neck was V-shaped, softened where it met the skin by a narrow ruffle of black lace at five cents a yard. Similar lace edged the sleeve puffs. Now comes the *piece de resistance* of the whole costume. Waist, skirt, and sleeves were spangled with tiny jet cabochons. You know what I mean—those tiny jet dots with holes in the centre. You can buy them for a very moderate price if you get them at a wholesale house. It takes patience to sew them on, for it's very tedious work, but patience pays. My gown looked like an imported creation. It cost me seven dollars and a good deal of time! But it was worth it. People noticed it—then they noticed me. What is the result? Next season I'm to have a small speaking part. It pays to be well-dressed."

"That reminds me," said The Literary Woman, in the group, "of an experience I had a short time ago. I had been contributing various articles to a certain periodical for several months, but had never called at the office. One day it became necessary for me to see the editor."

"I sat in my card and eventually he appeared; he looked around the waiting room, stared at me curiously, came forward and asked timidly (yes, I said timidly, though he was an editor) if I was Miss X."

"I assured him that I was, and we talked for some time about the business that had brought me to his office. As I rose to go, he laughed a little and said, 'I suppose you noticed that I seemed puzzled when I looked at you?' 'Yes,' said I, 'and I thought there must be something strange in my appearance. I wanted to ask you if my hat was on straight.' 'The fact is,' said he, 'I could not believe that so well-dressed a woman was a reporter—leg pardon, a journalist. Most of the women writers I meet are veritable frumps. They may dress expensively, for all I know, but they invariably look dowdy. You don't.' I thanked him and—"

But there were other literary women on the piazza, and at this remark they rose in their wrath and pointed upon the speaker.

"You thanked him! You should have upheld the dignity of our profession. You should have withered him. Who is he? Let us seek him out to destroy him. Frumps, indeed! Where is he?"

"In this very hotel!" confessed the well-dressed writer.

There was but one editor in the hotel, and the piazza parliament was dissolved *simpliciter*, while the journalists, Summer resort correspondents, and fashion writers went on the warpath to seek the poor man's scalp, or at any rate a wholesale apology. For my part, I hope they found him. THE SUNDAY.

Greenwich Village.

Weldon Grossmith has a quaint old house not many miles from Piccadilly, in an out of the way corner of Canonbury.

The mansion dates back to the days of Queen Elizabeth and has been inhabited by the Virgin Queen herself.

There are Chippendale panels, an old-fashioned spinet, mahogany furniture, bright with the polish Time alone can give, sutherland passages, a pond, and not one but many ghosts.

Grossmith gives parties to them and invites all his earthly friends. Alas, like many a public banquet, the guests of honor from that world that lies on the border land 'twixt death and new life, fail to materialize.

But croaking frogs in the pond and jelling friends in the house make up for the spirits that fail to appear, and as there are other spirits that do materialize, every one is happy.

Whiskies and Whiskies.

An English paper is authority for the statement that in Russia, anyone found in the streets, in an inebriated condition is arrested, and when ordered to sweep the streets. If such a law were enforced in New York, our thoroughfares would always be in "apple pie" order. And what fun we girls would have watching Charlie X—and Jimmy Blank wielding brooms! True, straws are quite in their line, but the straws they know lead to the insidious depths of a Manhattan. Straws at the end of a spree instead of before it, straws as a punishment instead of a means to an end would be a novelty, indeed.

A Night Error.

Bertha Welby desires to correct a little mistake made by THE MIRROR representative in the recent account of a Woman's Professional League meeting. Miss Welby was quoted as saying that she represented Mrs. Palmer during that lady's absence. Mrs. Palmer's place was taken by "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, and Miss Welby represents Mrs. McAuley.

It Is Successful.

Rosa Rand states that the dressmaking department of the League is meeting with great success.

Gowns are being made for Victory Bateman, of the Diplomacy company, and for members of the Noble company.

FOR STAGE CHILDREN.

Our Prize Competition.

Here is a letter from Little Lillian, sent in for our Prize Competition. Wilson Tanner



won the prize, but Little Lillian's letter shows how difficult a task it was to decide which was the very best of all the letters sent in.

DEAR MURDER: A. I have not played a part as yet I cannot write you about my favorite character, but I can tell you something of my favorite recitation. As you know I am about to become a real actress this season, appearing in Mr. Edwin G. Lawrence's company, so I think I should be allowed to enter the Children's Competition. In the first place the name of my recitation is "The Gambler's Wife," and in the second place the reason I like it so well are these: When Mr. Lester gave me my first lesson on it, he made it so sad that it brought the tears to my eyes, and it was a few minutes before I could go on with my lesson. The piece commences with the description of a dark night, a bare room, a mother shivering by the side of a cradle, in which a poor little baby, left by its cruel papa to starve while he is away gambling and drinking, is not this a sad, very sad picture? I think you will say yes and so that it is sad enough to make men and women cry as well as a little girl eight years old. Well, dear husband, the poor mother sits through the week, long night for his coming. He thinks he hears his step on the stairs, his knock on the door. But no! it is only the moaning of the wind, the creaking of the signs. The poor mother takes her baby in her arms and sinks down on the cold hearth. The morning comes, and with it the gambler. What does he see? Wife and child lying dead before him, and he hears the clock strike four. This ends my story and as you know there are so many poor babies I should be fortunate enough to win the prize I should like to give it to the Sick Baby Fund.

LITTLE LILLIAN,
87 West 14th Street, New York.

Mrs. Langtry to Chicago.

Mrs. Langtry is at the World's Fair. You may be surprised at this bit of news for you have heard that the English actress is, at present, on the other side of the Atlantic. So she is; but in Chicago there is a beautiful doll, three feet high, wearing the loveliest of clothes and modelled to represent the real Mrs. Langtry in face and figure.

A Polish Poet.

There is a little Polish boy in London who will be a celebrated composer one of these days, unless he works too hard now and ruins his health. His name is Koczalski, and though he is but eight years old, he has already composed over fifty works.

Poor little fellow, he can scarcely know what boyhood means!

He is creating a great sensation in England, but if his managers were wise they would let him take a long rest for several years at least.

A Student of Music.

When the great singer, Adelina Patti, was a little girl, she was asked to sing for her

mother's guests one evening after a dinner party.

But although she was a child she was very shrewd, and she said she would not sing unless she was paid to do so. "What do you want us to pay you?" she was asked.

"I will take a hatful of bouillons," said Patti.

At that hour of the evening it was not easy to get any candy, but the little girl would not and did not sing a note until the candy was bought and handed to her.

"Wee Willie Winkie."

Did you ever read the lovely little story by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, called "Wee Willie Winkie"?

How many of you know from what poem he took the name? There is a little girl in England the youngest editor in the world, probably, who has a paper which is called "Wee Willie Winkie."

All the contributors and the editorial staff are children, one writer is only six years old!

The little editor is Lady Marjorie Gordon and she is the daughter of Lord and Lady Aberdeen.

JOHN MAGUIRE TAKES CASH.

Some enemies of the Northwest have been industriously circulating reports that on account of the silver question that section of the country is demoralized.

Mr. Maguire has posted editorial excerpts from the Butte and Anaconda papers at the different agencies, which go to show that Montana is to-day the most prosperous of all the western states. He, with justifiable pride, points to the fact that Butte and Anaconda are between both towns, paying more than one million and a half monthly wages, and challenges any town or city of the East with six times the population to make an equal showing. He maintains that Butte's business for the past three years is for a three-nights' engagement more profitable to any first-class attraction than any town East or West of four times its population. All Montana is prosperous. "Copper is king." The mines of Butte and the smelters of Anaconda run day and night. And he proudly asserts the fact that no business, man or bank has suspended or failed in either city. And more than that he is ready to bet at any odds there will be no bank suspension in either city. For all meritorious attractions who have any doubts about their business he is ready to buy their time for two weeks on this circuit, and in some cases for the entire trip from St. Paul Westward and back. Any engagements made by Mr. Maguire will be endorsed by James A. Murray, Esq., banker, Butte, Mont. The following attractions are already booked by Mr. Maguire: Rosina Vokes, Friends, The Soudan, Katie Emmett, Ward-James company, Fanny Davenport, Cleveland's Minstrels, Digby Bell in Tar and Tartar, Wolves of New York, Adeline Patti, Salvini, Roland Reed, Frank Daniels, Katie Putnam, Calhoun Opera company, Joseph Grismer and Phoebe Davies in New South, John Kelly, Black Crook, Fanny Rice, James O'Neill, and all of Mr. Charles Frohman's Western booked companies, Lost Paradise, John Drew, Charlie's Aunt, etc. In the next issue of THE MIRROR Mr. Maguire will publish some of his box-office statements, which will verify all that he asserts. Mr. Maguire speaks also of Helena, Great Falls, Missoula, Phillipsburg, Granite, Bozeman, Missoula, as able to hold their own comparatively with Butte and Anaconda.

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